



Math Superstars Lingo

Here are some phrases you can use to encourage your superstar students to become independent thinkers and feel like smarties!

Remember we want the children to arrive at the answers independently. Instead of telling a student that his or her answer is wrong, try one of these phrases.

- ★ What if you tried to solve the problem this way? Would you get the same answer?
- ★ Show me how you got that answer. (Tell me..)
- ★ I noticed that...
- ★ Let's re-read this problem.

Here are some phrases to use when a student asks, "Is this right?"

- ★ What do you think?
- ★ I notice that you "continued the pattern" (added the numbers, counted the numbers, etc.). I noticed that you did exactly what the question asked you to do.

Build self-esteem with these phrases!

- ★ You can do it!
- ★ You're a smartie!
- ★ Kiss your brain! (Students may actually kiss their brains!)
- ★ Looking good! (Pretend to look in a mirror and fix your hair. Make a clicking noise!)
- ★ Good thinking!
- ★ Keep trying!
- ★ Pat yourself on the back and say "I'm good stuff!"
- ★ Raise the roof! (Pretend to push up the ceiling with your hands!)



