



Dear Superstar Parent,



Thank you so much for volunteering to help with Math Superstars! On Wednesday, you will work with a small group of students to help them develop higher level thinking skills and become better independent problem solvers. Your role is to teach strategies for solving the most difficult problems on the Superstar worksheet. Please refrain from giving the answers. Encourage the students to think on their own and guide them by explaining strategies that will aid them in finding solutions.

Keep in mind that the students are not expected to be able to solve every problem on a Superstars sheet. Some questions may address topics that have not been covered in our curriculum. The purpose of the workshops is to help students develop critical thinking skills, feel successful in tackling challenging problems, and have fun!

Attached to this letter is a copy of the commentary for this week's superstar sheet. It includes answers as well as some strategies for solving each problem. Before attending the Superstar Workshop, please take some time to review the commentary and look at the strategies suggested. You may have some alternative ideas and strategies that might be more effective and helpful to the students. Please feel free to share your ideas! The use of drawing pictures, creating charts, or working with manipulatives is highly encouraged as well! If you need some specific manipulatives or other items to help teach a strategy, just send a note to your child's teacher, and we will make sure the items are available during workshop time. Please bring the commentary with you to the Superstars Workshop, which will be held in first grade classrooms from 8:30-8:50am.

Thanks again for volunteering to enrich and extend first grade's mathematical experience this year! The students are very excited about working with you! If you have any further questions about your role in Math Superstars, feel free to contact Mrs. McDowell.



Happy thinking,
The First Grade Teachers

