**#MathIsAReallyCoolThing**

**(Math Bags)**

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**Dear Division 1 students and parents,**

You are officially invited to participate in our Math at Home program: **#MathIsAReallyCoolThing**

The purpose of these math bags is for additional practice of basic numeracy facts and to review of concepts taught in class. Our goal in Division 1 is for students to increase their computational fluency skills (multiplication and division facts). Additionally, we are working toward an increased understanding of our current concepts and overall positivity about math **☺.**

I am asking for your help in supporting your child’s learning by participating/ playing the math activity with them for about 15-20 minutes during the evening. More time is encouraged and of course welcomed!

*The contents of the Math Bags are intended to be fun, engaging, and hands on—enjoy!*

**Ways to keep your Grade 7 child motivated:**

* + - * Be motivated to practice math, too!
* Make the game or activity a competition! Keep score if the game allows.
* When appropriate, set a timer to see how quickly the task/activity can be done.
* Have discussions about “real world” math and when you use mental math. For example: at the grocery store, calculating time and distance, budgeting, etc.

**Adaptations:**

* There are multiple activities, so choice is encouraged.
* Play with or without face cards.
* When playing with die, double the number to practice with larger numbers.
* If using task cards remove facts or equations that have been mastered.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support, and happy “math-ing!”

*Ms. Rodger*