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JANUARY – STAY WARM! GO TO A CORNER WHERE IT'S 90 DEGREES!

A BRAND NEW YEAR!

As the year 2018 has been rung in, we are all provided with an opportunity to start fresh and RESOLVE to do our best! Whether you are a believer in New Year's resolutions for your own life or not, the practice of taking stock of the prior year is a good one to develop for an educator. From a historical perspective, it is clear that in this field, learning from our successes as well as our mistakes is not optional. It is essential. It is also something that cannot be done alone. Your Del Mar math department resolves to move forward to make our classroom practices even better, in fact, the best they can be! We have two resolutions for the year and have set aside professional development time to accomplish these. #1 We will continue refining our math instruction to incorporate best practices throughout each unit of study. #2 Another area of focus is on assessment, with the goal of providing...

... meaningful and timely feedback to students and ensuring that final projects and tests are best aligned with the standards incorporated within each lesson.

FURTHER RESOLVE!

For our parent community, we resolve to continue communicating with families in timely ways to provide accurate information about our overall math program as well as your individual child's progress in class.

For our students, we resolve to continue to work with them in class, as well as time BEYOND our class periods, to help them develop habits of successful mathematicians and learners. These include having them be Responsible (prepared, attentive and engaged), Independent and Persevering (staying focused on challenges and tasks, revising work as needed), and Collaborative (listening and contributes ideas with groups).

UPCOMING "Stuff" and FYI:

Math Club: Thursday Mornings in Rm. 2 formerly, the CyberLounge.

EXTRA math help: AS NEEDED. Contact your teacher! Drop by to get help with homework, IXL CCSS practice, to make exam corrections, do retakes or make up work, or for any general math help. Students who need community service can also volunteer to roll up their sleeves and work with other math learners! (See teachers for more info.!)

For test and quiz dates, as well as project due dates, PLEASE see the grade level calendars posted on <http://rusdmath.weebly.com/>

Winter Break: February 19-23

End of Trimester 2: March 2nd

Parent Tip #4 for Helping your Child with Math

Check out these sites – providing middle school math resources for families!

http://www.findingdulcinea.com/guides/Education/Middle-School-Math.pg_01.html#01

http://figurethis.nctm.org/fc/family_corner.htm

<http://www.math.com/parents.html>

<http://www.homeschoolmath.net/teaching/> Remember to check ALMA!

