



Watertown Public Schools

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Dear Parents or Guardians:

Think Math is the core program used to teach math in grades K-5 District-wide. *Think Math* builds computational fluency as students investigate new ideas and solve meaningful problems which put skills and strategies to work. Our teachers encourage students to practice a variety of skills and strategies so that they will be able to find solutions to problems without relying on the rote memorization of basic facts.

On Tuesday, November 29, Paul Goldenberg, the primary researcher of *Think Math*, will be hosting *Building Math Strategies With Your Child* at the Cunniff School from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. Parents of students in grades K-5 are invited to attend. Mr. Goldenberg will define the rationale for building strategy strength which supports students in becoming true problem solvers. If you would like to attend this session, please complete the enrollment form below and have your child return it to his/her classroom teacher.

At this time, I'd also like to inform you of the launching of two new websites which will be added to and can be accessed from the Watertown Public Schools Homepage:

<http://thinkmathforparents.wikispaces.com/>

<http://science-parents.wikispaces.com/>

Both of these resources are meant to provide parent(s) and/or guardian(s) with an introduction to and overview of our *Think Math* program in grades K-5 and our *Seeds of Science, Roots of Reading* program in grades 3-5. In addition, there are links which you may find helpful in providing additional reinforcement of skills and concepts at home while supporting the completion of homework and projects.

Our teachers are working hard to use curricular components to teach and reinforce concepts and skills and to address individual student needs within the classroom. Your support within the home is an integral part of this process.

We hope that you find the websites and links useful and that you will plan on attending *Building Math Strategies With Your Child*. We will continue to add to the list of resources as the year progresses.

Sincerely,

Mena Ciarlone

District Elementary Curriculum Coordinator
Watertown Public Schools



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Name: _____

I have children attending the _____ School in grade(s) _____.