



RCES Raider Times

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Math Tips

Encourage your child to use several strategies they have learned in Math.

Elementary math often allows **more than one way** to solve a problem. This flexibility builds strong number sense.

- Counting on
- Drawing pictures
- Using number lines
- Breaking numbers apart
- Using manipulatives (coins, blocks, beans, Legos)

Make Mistakes Safe

Let your child know:

- Mistakes help our brains grow.
- It's okay not to get it right the first time.
- Share a time *you made a mistake and learned from it*.

A calm environment makes a big difference.

Keep Practice Short and Positive

- 10–15 minutes is often enough.
- Stop before frustration sets in.
- End with a success so your child feels confident.

Important Dates

Feb. 5 - Class Picture Day

Feb. 10 - Interim Reports Go Home

Parent Communication Meeting @BEMS

Feb. 13-17 - Winter Break-No School

Feb. 15 - Random Acts of Kindness Week

Feb. 23 - Bus Driver Day

SIC 5:30 PTO 6:00

March 2-6 - Read Across America Week

Health & Wellness

Acts of Kindness

Doing a kind act for another person can boost confidence and make the world a happier place. Encourage your student to do something kind for another person. Here are some ideas from the Boys & Girls Clubs of America:

Sit with someone new at lunch

Smile in the hallway

Give someone your Full Attention

Thank a school employee

Leave a note of encourage on someone's desk

Clean up around school

Help someone study for a test

Small Acts of Kindness can make a Big Impact!

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Reading Spotlight

Literacy Spotlight: Comprehension

Before Reading:

- **Preview the text:** Look at the title, pictures, and headings. Ask, *“What do you think this will be about?”*
- **Activate background knowledge:** Talk about what your child already knows about the topic.
- **Set a purpose:** Ask, *“What should we learn from this?”*

During Reading:

- **Pause and talk:** Stop every few pages and ask: *What just happened? Why did that happen? What do you think will happen next?*
- **Visualize:** Encourage your child to make a “movie in their head.”
- **Clarify confusion:** If something doesn’t make sense, reread it together—good readers do this all the time!
- **Highlight key details:** Who? What? Where? When? Why?

After Reading:

- **Summarize:** Have your child retell the story in their own words.
- **Make connections:** *Text-to-self:* “Has this ever happened to you?” *Text-to-text:* “Does this remind you of another book?” *Text-to-world:* “How does this connect to real life?”
- **Ask deeper questions:** *What was the problem? How was it solved? What lesson was learned?*

Everyday Habits That Help: Read together daily (even 10–15 minutes matters!)
Model thinking aloud: Say things like, *“I wonder why the character did that...”* **Let kids choose books**—interest boosts comprehension. **Talk about books** like you’d talk about a movie or show.