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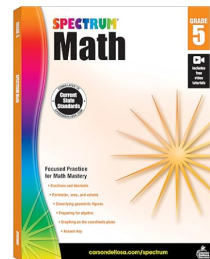
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Dear Rising 6th Grade Parents/Guardians,

To secure a successful transition for our students to the next grade level in mathematics, I would encourage your students to practice math over the summer. There are several ways to do that, my *suggestions* are:

- **Math Facts.** Multiplication and division are the foundations of math! Flash cards are great or practice math facts out loud during a car ride. If your rising 6th grader has a younger sibling, have them teach or reinforce math facts to their sibling - it's a two for one deal!!
- **Ask your child real life questions.** For example, if you're ordering a meal or in the grocery store, ask them to add anything with a decimal. Ask them to help compare costs per unit in the grocery store and why that's important! Prove to them we use math in the real world 😊
- Last, and certainly not least please invest in a summer bridge **Math Workbook**. These are extremely useful and keep students engaged over the summer with “fun” activities. Please do not buy a workbook for 6th grade math, this will only frustrate your student. The goal is to reinforce concepts already taught in 5th grade.

Spectrum 5th Grade Math Workbook ([Amazon link](#))



We recognize and appreciate the time invested in your child's education and hope that this approach will be beneficial to both students and parents alike. Please do not hesitate to contact us. Questions or concerns regarding summer reinforcement work can be directed to Mrs. Walsh at thwalsh@stmarkcatholic.net, email will be checked periodically.

Sincerely,

The St. Mark Mathematics Department