

Trending Now @ PGS

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From the Principal:

In just a few weeks, our second round of parent teacher conferences will take place. One of the topics often discussed is a child's math fact fluency. Simply put, this is a child's ability to calculate a basic addition ($3+4=$), subtraction ($7-2=$), multiplication ($4\times 9=$), and/or division ($18 / 2 =$) fact within a reasonable time frame (within about 5 seconds.) While knowing facts from memory is helpful and certainly a worthy goal, the truth is this comes from developing an understanding of how to solve math facts and what strategies to use. Once a child knows how to solve a fact, 3-5 seconds is generally enough time to do so. So, how can parents help? Here is a list of a few things to try at home:

- First, don't spend all your time at home on flash cards. Instead, talk about strategies. (ex. $9+3$ can be seen as $10+2$, but understanding why is the important piece.)
- Practice skip counting. Can your child skip count to 30 by 3's? Learning to do so is a sure fire way to learn the 3's multiplication table.
- Use what you know about one fact to solve others. How can you use $5+5=10$ to help with $5+6 = ?$ Or $6\times 2=12$ to help with $6\times 4 = ?$
- Teach flexible thinking with fact families. Don't just practice $5+3 =8$. Practice $3+5=8$, $8-3=5$, and $8-5=3$.
- Make practice fun. Play beat the calculator or fact bingo. Either way, keep it light and fun.

PGS Minute

February



- 18 & 19 **No School** - Presidents' Day
- 22 PTO Meeting 9:30AM-10:55AM
- 25 Kindergarten Registration for new Kindergarteners @ Board of Education Office 7:00AM - 4:00PM
- 26 BOE Monthly Mtg. @ AHS 7:00 PM
- 27 School Store - classroom visits

Substitute Nurses Needed: If you know of someone who would like to be a substitute nurse for Avon Public Schools, please contact: Pat DeRossi
Phone: 860-404-6304 or email @ pdrossi@avon.k12.ct.us



Kindergarten Registration: Children who will be 5 years old on or before January 1, 2020 are eligible to register for school on Monday, February 25th from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM or on Wednesday, March 6 from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Additional information, including documentation required, can be found here: [Kindergarten Registration 2019](#)

A Big Thank You to Avon Old Farms Jazz Band for providing live music during the PTO Valentine's Day Lunch! They did a fantastic job and great music was enjoyed by all. Thank you AOF for sharing your time and talent!



Check out the Community Council School Store Flyer on the website or click [here](#)