

Dear Rising Fourth Grade Parents,

While summer is a great time to play and relax, it's also smart to take a little time to keep the skills sharp the children have worked so hard to master during the school year. I have some suggestions for your students so that they will be not only well rested, but prepared for a rewarding new year at St. Michael's.

Math

Fact fluency is necessary for higher-level computation and problem solving. Rising fourth grade students are expected to know the following to automaticity (within 3 seconds).

- Addition and Subtraction Facts to 20
- Multiplication and Division Facts through Eleven.

In addition to traditional flash cards (the triangle ones are the best), there are many websites that offer fun activities to strengthen students' fact fluency. These websites also offer activities for reinforcing math skills as well as fact fluency.

<http://aplusmath.com/>

<http://coolmath.com/>

<http://www.funbrain.com/>

<http://mathisfun.com/>

<http://www.playkidsgames.com/mathGames.htm>

Playing math games is a great way to strengthen your child's math skills. Game suggestions include (but are not limited to) the following: Dice Games, Card Games, Checkers, Trouble, Blokus, Mastermind, Sudoku, Othello, Monopoly, Yahtzee, Connect Four, and Battleship.

For a more structured review you may wish to order a workbook for review and reinforcement. Ordering information for our suggestion may be found at

<http://www.summerskills.com/>.

Enjoy the summer! I look forward to a fantastic fourth grade year with you and your children!

Sincerely,

Lucy Swartz