



K-4 Monthly Math Mews

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Math and Art

Math and art are directly related. So much so, that art often relies heavily on mathematical concepts and understanding. Do you have a child who is creative? Is math his/her least favorite subject? Well, maybe the solution is helping him/her make the connection between art and math. To do so, there is a FREE book online that can be downloaded to help make the connection. You can find it at the website below. Once at the website, you will need to scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "free downloading" and the book should load on your computer.

<http://www.hamello.com/en/plastic-arts>

Another amazing site that connects math and art was created by a very talented young lady from New York named Vi Hart. She connects doodling to mathematics and her videos are something else. Her career ambition is to make math COOL. Many Hillel students are already trying to create some of their own doodles. Check out the picture page for an example. Her website can be found at:

<http://vihart.com/>

Basic Fact Competition

December's Winners/January's Goal

The grade that practiced the most minutes in December was our **third graders!** Way to go!

January's goal: January's winners will be the student in each grade, first through fourth, that practices the most. Everyone **MUST** participate!

Reminder: Math Help for 3rd and 4th Grade Students

Mrs. Straith has office hours on Fridays during lunch and recess for third and fourth grade students. If your child needs help with a particular concept, please email Mrs. Straith beforehand to let her know and she will be happy to work with your child. Your child should bring his/her lunch to room 113. Your third or fourth grade student may also come if he/she is interested in playing math games or working on puzzles.

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Frequently Asked Questions (and the Answers!)

Question: Where can parents find more information about or resources for the *Everyday Mathematics* program?

Answer:

<http://everydaymath.uchicago.edu/parents/>

MrsStraith.weebly.com

Please take a moment to check out Mrs. Straith's new website. You will find valuable information, photos, past newsletters, and more!

If you would like to share a math related website or app, please let Mrs. Straith know and she will add it to the list on her website.