

Ms. Vermeulen's Newsletter

Happy New Year!

While your child is stuck inside during these crazy snow/cold days, there are educational games they can do at home to keep their minds working. Check out my weebly for all the new games I have posted at avermeulen.weebly.com. Whether you have an ipad, android, or the internet, there is a game out there for your child.

Many parents have also asked me about extra practice. Under the "Homework Help," you can click on your student's grade, and then scroll down to the section header "Extra Practice." I usually have 2-3 extra practice sheets per chapter. These are activities students have not done in their main classrooms, or in mine. Please email me if you would like additional sheets and I will be more than happy to send those home!

Stay warm!!

What's New?

I have been making some changes in my groups and the students that I work with during the New Year. Before winter break, students were busy showing us what they have learned over the semester. The students took two quick math assessments to show us the growth they have made. This along with recent chapter tests, and common assignments has helped grade level teachers and I determine each individual students needs.

When deciding which students I should have pulled out, we consider what will be BEST for the student. If your student has made great progress, you will receive an email from me letting you know that he/she no longer needs to be pulled out of the classroom!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at avermeulen@lakeorion.k12.mi.us ☺

Highlights of the Month

In Ms. Vermeulen's math classroom, fifth graders have been busy with division and soon will be working with dividing numbers with decimals.

Students were taught three different ways to divide this unit. Before the division unit began, I taught students one new way they have not seen prior to this year. The students were excited to see the "new," division before their friends. Their motivation and excitement when Mrs. Okonowski taught it in their 5th grade classroom was exciting to see. I feel it is important to make your child feel confident in math. Many students have labeled themselves as "bad at math." I am working with students to see that this is not really the case. All of them CAN learn math successfully, all it takes is a little extra practice!

What you can do at home

- ❖ **Flash cards!** *Multiplication and division flash cards are a great way to help students master their facts. Ask me for a link to free flash cards!*
- ❖ **Review their homework** *Students in 5th grade are often asked to finish their math assignments at home. I have seen a lot of assignments in which students have not tried their personal best.*
- ❖ **MobyMax.com** *This is a website to have students practicing skills while using technology!*

