

INSTRUCTIONAL INSIDER



Children thrive in classrooms where hands on activities are part of the normal routine. In order for children to truly understand math and how numbers work, they must manipulate numbers and have experiences with math problems in real world situations. It is important for students to connect their math learning experiences to working math problems with pencil and paper for life long skills. At Kubacak Elementary, math teachers are giving children both experiences so that they truly understand the meaning behind each math concept.

At Kubacak Elementary we want to build a community of learners within our classrooms. Teachers build mental connections with information that students already know to content that they have learned previously. This type of instructional approach helps students internalize information so that they are able to hold it in their long term memory.

It is important that students learn information in a common/cozy area where they are able to have close proximity to the teacher and easy access to peers for collaboration. Students become a community of learners when they are able to have conversations as a group and with each other. Conversations with peers is an important part of learning in the upper elementary classroom.



Homework Hint....

Reading Struggles? Read EVERY DAY with your child. Have them read one section and then ask them questions about the who, what, when, where, and how. Have your child read a book that is on their level and they are interested in. Practice, practice, practice!