

Memo

To: The parents of: «Lname», «Fname»
From: View Park Prep Middle School
CC:
Date: 4/20/2007
Re: Student Basic Skills

On March 23rd 2007 students at View Park Prep High School and Middle School participated in the Math March Madness Decathlon. This idea of a *fun* school-wide activity was developed to raise awareness, boost interest, stress the importance of, and to assess student levels of competency in basic skills. This memo is being sent home to parents to inform them of how their student performed in the math events. The math events were designed to assess student's knowledge of basic skills addition, multiplication, division, and subtraction. (Sample worksheets are available for viewing and download at <http://www.michaelbatie.com/saxon/worksheets>).

The elapsed times reflect how long it took students to complete a worksheet of between 90 and 100 problems. A time of 181 seconds reflects students who took more than 3 minutes to complete the worksheets. The other three columns reflect school wide averages, the times for the top 10% of participants. The last column presents the elapsed time for the most proficient student.

Results for: «Fname» «Lname»	Student Elapsed Time (secs.)	School Wide Avg. Elapsed Time (secs.)	Upper Decile Avg. Elapsed Time (secs.)	School Wide Lowest Elapsed Time (secs.)
Elapsed Time for Multiplication Problems	«Test_H»	160	83	71
Elapsed Time for Addition Problems	«Test_I»	165	92	76
Elapsed Time for Subtraction Problems	«Test_B»	172	109	92
Elapsed Time for Addition Problems	«Test_A»	161	90	75

N = 221

If your child's elapsed times are not less than 120 seconds, it is suggested that you work with your child to assist them in their mastery of these basic skills. (Students who did not participate will not have values in the Student Elapsed Time column.) Basic Skills are necessary to advance in math. Students must learn arithmetic so that they can move on to more demanding mathematics—i.e. algebra, geometry, calculus.

Watch the weekly bulletin for more information regarding how we can work together to maximize our student's success in math. We need the assistance and commitment of the entire ICEF community to improve math achievement of our students.

Thank You From:

The Math Faculty and Staff of the ICEF Family of Schools