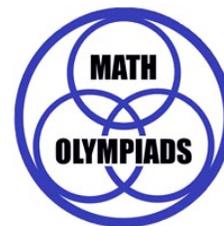


Math Olympiad - 2017



Dear Students,

Math Olympiad Contests: Math Olympiad contests have 5 highly challenging problems which help you develop new tools for your problem-solving toolbox. This year our 5th grade students will have the opportunity to participate in 5 contests using official Math Olympiad problems from past years. Our Pacific contests will be in November, December, January, February, and March. Participation is voluntary. You can complete as many or as few contests as you wish. If you choose not to participate in a contest, your teacher will give you other challenging problems to work on during that class time. **At the end of the school year, each class will honor the students with the highest cumulative scores in the 5 Math Olympiad contests.**

Enrichment Work: Students, I know that many of you also enjoy the challenge of doing Math Olympiad problems as enrichment during extra class time and at home. You are in luck! I have hundreds and hundreds of Math Olympiad problems from past contests and books for you to do. To reward your enthusiasm and effort, I will have a chart in the classroom to celebrate the number of problems you successfully complete. **At the end of the year, we will honor the students with the highest number of problems solved as enrichment.**

Here are the requirements to have your success displayed on the **Math Olympiad Enrichment chart:**

- To get a chart point, you must work independently on a problem. "Independently" means that you are using only your own skills to solve each problem; you are not working with or receiving hints from a parent, tutor, friend, or sibling. (If you wish to tackle a problem with a parent, tutor, sibling, or friend . . . that's great! Just note it on your Math Olympiad sheet so I don't count the problem for our chart.)
- You may take as long as you need to solve a problem. You can disregard the time limits.
- In order to receive points on the chart, you must show work in enough detail that I can see how you arrived at your answer. If necessary, please attach a sheet of paper to the Math Olympiad sheet that shows your work on each problem.
- During class time, you must complete required classwork before you do Math Olympiad work. At home, you must complete your homework before working on Math Olympiad.

You can do it!

Miss Henderson