

Nothing contributes more to a child's success than an involved parent!

Current educational research and developments in instructional practice have made it possible for your child to learn mathematics through a better way than the traditional mode of instruction. The **MVP** path to learning focuses on how the **MVP** path has been carefully orchestrated to help your student make sense of the mathematics that is being developed and connect it to prior learning. Each student must come to class prepared to participate fully in the experience. He or she must learn to listen to the thinking of the other classmates as well as be willing to voice one's own understandings and ways of seeing the mathematics unfold. Regular attendance is imperative because what happens daily in the classroom cannot be replicated at home or by reading the textbook.

The **Ready, Set, Go!** homework assignments have been correlated to the daily **classroom experience** and should be completed each day that they are assigned, so that your student is prepared (**Ready**) for the next lesson. The homework is organized into three parts. The **Ready** section is to help the student get **Ready** to learn. The **Set** section is for practicing the skills that are being developed in the current lessons. As a student practices, his or her new mathematical skills become more **Set** or fluent. The last section of homework, called **Go!**, is to help the student remember the skills and procedures that have been learned previously. As a student matures mathematically, there are many math problems that he or she should be able to do whenever one encounters them. The procedures for solving them become automatic. When students see these problems, they should be able to take off and **Go!** with them.

If there are areas in the **Ready, Set, Go!** homework assignments, where your student feels uncertain and needs guidance, you should develop the habit of searching the internet for the content topics that are listed for each part of the **Ready, Set, Go!** Homework assignments. There are many math sites that contain videos or print instructions for the many topics your student will be studying. Finally, always encourage your child to ask his or her teacher about problems and ideas they are working on.

Here is how you can help your child succeed in mathematics:

- Support your child's teacher by valuing the **classroom experience**.
- Make sure your student attends school every day.
- Encourage your child to do the homework assignment every night and review your student's assignment stamp sheet regularly. Phone calls will generally be sent home for low stamp scores so that you are aware when your child is not completing homework assignments.
- Follow the links on the **Ready, Set, Go!** pages to find additional tutorial help for your student.
- Advise your student to look over and review red corrections on bellwork and homework every night.
- Discuss the **classroom experience** with your child; encourage them to explain to you what they talked about in class each day.
- Urge your student to seek help when necessary. There is tutoring available from college tutors provided by the GEAR UP program in the library afterschool on Monday thru Thursday. There is also course-specific tutoring afterschool provided by the math department. Your student can also come in to see their teacher at lunch for help when necessary.