

## Helping Your Child with Math Homework:

- Provide a quiet place and time to study.
- Don't panic! 😊
- Be encouraging, even if you have had a bad experience with math. Don't give your child an excuse to quit. You can do it! So can they!
- Prompts you can use to help your child if he or she is struggling with homework:
  - "Can you read the problem to me and explain it to me in your own words?"
  - "What have you tried so far?"
  - "Have you seen a problem like this before?"
  - "Do you understand what the question is asking?"
  - "How do you think you might start this problem?"
  - "Do you have a similar problem from your class notes?"
  - "Can you show me a simpler problem like this one that may give a clue as to how to begin?"
  - "Can you explain how you know your answer is correct?"
  - "Can you check your answer?"
  - "Does your answer make sense?"

## Further Suggestions for Your Child:

- Problem-solving strategies:
  - Make a graph.
  - Make a diagram.
  - Make a table.
  - Look for patterns.
  - Work backwards.
  - Solve a simpler problem.
  - Guess and check.
- Test preparation strategies:
  - Complete your review packet and check your answers.
  - Create a list of topics that will be covered on the test.
  - Go back to your homework and rework problems you missed the first time.
  - Work with a study partner or teacher if you have further questions.
  - Begin studying several days before the assessment.
- Phone a friend. Find a study partner (not a copy buddy).
- Go to ISHP or make an after school appointment to get one-on-one help from a teacher.
- Show your work and keep all your work in your binder.
- Take organized and legible notes.
- Remember, EFFORT IS EVERYTHING!