



Dear Parents of Rising First Graders,

In first grade, we will expand the math skills that the students learned in Kindergarten. We will emphasize conceptual understanding, procedural skill and fluency, applications, and problem solving. We will build math vocabulary and use real-life situations. This summer, you can support your child by providing math-related exercises, games, or puzzles. Make it fun and engaging to maintain interest in math. It would also be helpful to connect math concepts to real-life situations to make them more relevant and understandable. Show your child how math is used in everyday life, such as in cooking, measuring, or shopping, to help your child see the practical applications of math skills. I also suggest that your child complete the packet "Step up to Grade 1" that was sent home. Please do not be concerned if your child struggles with a concept in the packet or is unable to complete the packet. Remember that each child learns at their own pace and it's important to be patient, supportive, and encouraging throughout the process.

Please feel free to contact me at Elaine.Bayarena@stjes.org if you have any questions or concerns. I am looking forward to having your child in my first grade class!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Bayarena