

Jacksonville Beach Elementary

Dear Parents,

We welcome your child to *SUNSHINE MATH SUPERSTARS*, a voluntary program designed to enhance your child's journey through mathematics. By expressing an interest in more challenging problem solving, your child has taken the first step toward becoming an independent learner who is able to address many types of problems.

Your child will receive a worksheet each Monday to be collected on Friday. Each problem is ranked according to its level of difficulty. The more stars you see beside a problem, the higher the level of difficulty, and the more stars your child can earn for solving it.

Your role in *SUNSHINE MATH SUPERSTARS* is to encourage and facilitate problem solving. During the week, allow time for your child to think about each problem. You may need to read the problem to your child, explaining any new words encountered. Feel free to suggest a strategy for solving the problem, offer ideas, and listen as your child shares her or his thinking, but please **DO NOT GIVE THE ANSWERS**. In order for this program to be effective, the thinking must be done by the students.

It is normal for a child NOT to be able to complete every problem on the worksheet. The process of reading, understanding and approaching the problems is a valuable step in solving many types of problems. Remind your child that she or he is not expected to know the answers to every problem.

From time to time, your child will receive incentives for both participation and cumulative scores. The incentives for participation will be based on attempted worksheets. Your child must have **attempted** at least half of the worksheet for it to count.

After the 25th worksheet, the children who qualify will be given a test to determine who will represent Jacksonville Beach Elementary for their grade at the Math Superstars District Contest. For first, second, and third grade students to qualify, they must have accumulated 250 points. For fourth and fifth graders, the point total is 150.

Thank you for allowing your child the chance to embark on this mathematical adventure. Your signature gives permission for your child to begin.

Lisa Losee, Math Superstar Chairman
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Parent's Name (PRINT)

Student's Name (PRINT)

Parent's Signature

Homeroom Teacher