

## How to Help Your Math Superstar

Math Superstars is designed to reward students for their own work. Instructors stress that fact. As a result, sometimes students feel that they must do Math Superstars on their own. However, it is okay for you to help your child in a number of ways, especially if they become frustrated when trying to figure out a problem.

- Start working on the Math Superstar worksheet as soon as it is brought home on Monday. That way the concepts covered in class will be fresh in your child's mind.
- Help your child read the problem. Occasionally, the problems may use unfamiliar words. Re-word the problem to help them understand what is being asked.
- Suggest your child show their work. Partial credit can be given if the instructor sees the method the child used to solve the problem, even if the answer is incorrect.
- Tell your child to do their best. Don't apply a lot of pressure – some of these problems are difficult!
- Skip a problem, if necessary, so that everyone at home has a pleasant evening. Come back to it later.
- Remind your child to double-check their work. You may feel the urge to tell them that an answer is wrong. It is okay to let them make mistakes. Let your child turn in an incorrect answer. Sometimes that is how we learn best!
- Help your child remember to return their Math Superstar folder on the following Monday or before so the papers can be graded in a timely manner.
- If you do HELP your child SOLVE a problem, please initial or write the words "with help" near the problem number. This includes asking leading questions or suggesting a method or technique, anything beyond helping them understand the problem statement. Your initials will help us know which concepts we may need to reinforce.
- Remind your child to put his/her name on the worksheet. If there is no name, stars will be given to "No Name" on the chart.