

August 29, 2011

Dear Parent(s),

Your son/daughter is invited to be a member of SMM's Mathcounts team. As part of the SMM accelerated program, I would expect a student to participate in Mathcounts unless there is a major time commitment in another area. The students will meet after school on Wednesdays from 3:15 - 4:30 from September 7 to December 14. Those students that make the chapter team will continue to meet until the chapter competition in February (usually the third week.) . If the team or an individual makes the state competition we will meet to prepare for the state which is in March.

Students will be assigned two warmups or one workout a week to do outside of our meeting. The answer key is on my web site. These problems are due the Monday before our meeting so that I can check them and see which ones we will need to go over. If they need help they can ask me at school or e-mail me, or a mathematician in their family. I expect them to attempt all the problems. On Wednesdays we will be concentrating on those problems that they had trouble with and they can correct them. We will then focus on working on the team and individual components of the Mathcounts competitions.

If any member wishes to be provided more problems beyond what we do each week to improve their opportunity to make the team I can provide them.

There will be an in-school competition given in December to determine the chapter team. The chapter team will be announced the first of January. The students who do not make the chapter team will still be recognised as members of the school team and will have the opportunity, based on their effort and achievement in class and practice sessions, to participate in other math competitions during the year.

If a student places in the top 4 at the state level, he/she proceeds to the national competition and is a member of Nebraska's state team. We have a great group of students and I am looking forward to this year's competitions.

Please sign and return the bottom.

Thank you, Mrs. Coates

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MATHCOUNTS PROGRAM I have read the above information and my child will participate.

(Student Name)

Parent's Signature:

