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Greetings!

This is your child’s first week for **Math Warm Up homework**. I wanted to explain the MWU policy as we do it bi- weekly in the third grade. Math Warm Up consists of five review skills that have proved to be difficult to students. It gives students additional practice with those important skills in order to keep it fresh and relative to them. On Monday, we do Monday’s math warm up together in class. Monday evening students are expected to complete Tuesday’s homework to be ready for class on Tuesday and so on. Each day we go over that day’s homework in class and check for understanding. We ask that you let your child attempt the homework independently and offer them assistance on struggling skills after. Homework should be kept in students’ folders for the week. On Friday, we will have a short Math Warm Up quiz that covers those same skills from the week. Math Warm Up has proven to be very beneficial for students!

During the off week, students will have a RIPS problem to complete at home in the same format (Monday will be done in class and students will have to complete a problem a night.) RIPS is a way we teach students to attack math word problems. **RIPS** stands for **R**ead it Twice, **I**dentify Key Words and Questions, **P**lan (Pick a Strategy to Use), **S**olve, and Check! These are often difficult for students but very important as we prepare them for ISTEP and 4th grade. There will be no quiz on Friday during a RIPS week but we do want students to give their best effort!

Please let us know if you have any questions! Thanks!

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