

A Math Fluency Celebration

My name is Mitchell Mark. When I was a Third Grade Teacher, I saw what happened to children who lack basic skills in math. I have dedicated my career to finding ways to help all children attain fluency.

A Math Fluency Celebration includes three simple, cost-free activities that:

- Motivate children to self-study at home, and learn a set of facts and fact families.
- Inform and involve parents in a supportive role.
- Send a message to students and parents: *Math fluency is important and worthy of a celebration.*



Activity #1: Motivational Talk

If children learn how to self-teach, the next step is to motivate them to practice on their own.



Activity #2 Fluency Flap Exhibition

Just making Fluency Flaps help children understand and recall fact families. Flaps provide extra practice. Students can make flaps in school or at home.

Teachers post flaps in their classroom, and around the school.

Outstanding flaps are chosen and those students explain their flaps.

See the document, *Making and Using Fluency Flaps* in The Math Fluency Free Resource Library at studysmart.com

Activity #3 The Math Facts Mad Dash

The dash is a relay race with math facts. It adds fun, fitness and provides a goal.

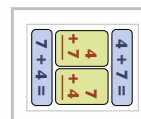
Teachers identify which facts will be in the dash.

Children practice the dash at home, alone and with a parent.

At tryouts, all students that meet the criteria get a certificate, and a chance to perform in the celebration

This is a demonstration, not a competition.

The Math Facts Mad Dash: A relay race with math facts.



Distance from starting line to answer table: 10 feet.

Players begin at the starting line, run to the table, answer a question, run back to the starting line, and repeat.

Parents are welcome to attend the celebration.

- The motivational talk address students and parents.
- Parent and Child teams can participate in The Math Facts Mad Dash.
- When parents are involved, children practice more, and with more effort.



Schedule a Free Math Fluency Celebration in your classroom.

- We will visit your classroom before the celebration to demo flaps and the dash.
- We will manage try outs for the dash.
- We will provide a motivational speaker.
- We will provide prizes and certificates.

Celebrations are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

There is no cost. Contact Mitch at MathFluencyNow@gmail.com.