

The Math Facts Mad Dash

Class vs Class, Grades 2-6

Why challenge another class to a Math Facts Mad Dash?

Sportsmanship

Students have a opportunity to win and lose with grace.

Teamwork

Being part of a team means supporting teammates, and being prepared yourself. Children see the class as their team.

Motivation

When children do not feel like practicing, they think of the challenge. They want to be prepared,

Fun

This challenge is especially fun. It's class vs class, and teacher vs teacher. It's personal and engaging.

Teachers wear a new hat

Teachers are teammates. This gives them a unique way to relate to their students.

Easy, cost-free.

All you do is send home an announcement. Children study and practice at recess and at home. The finals take minutes, and can happen at recess.

You send messages to children, parents, and colleagues.

Math is important.
Studying and practicing is important.
Working hard can be rewarding and fun.

This is a powerful challenge. If I was still teaching, I'd be challenging my colleagues at school. I'd also challenge my friends who teach at other schools. I would get in touch with my inner coach and give heart-felt motivational talks to my students. We would be a team.

Have a blast. Shoot me an e-mail and tell me about your class vs class challenge. I may be able to offer a prize/celebration.

Best wishes,

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To Do

- 1) Identify a teacher to team up with. They can be at your grade level, at your school, or not. Agree on facts, events, dates (See page 2).
- 2) Send home to notice to parents (Page 4).
- 3) Provide a week to study and practice. Ask parent volunteers or student helpers to set up a practice station at recess.
- 4) Hold tryouts at recess.
- 5) The finals can also be at recess.

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Directions

Identify facts.

Choose date, time, place.

Choose one or more events.

Facts for the Dash				

Classes:

Date:

Place:

Time:

Teacher Plus Three Students

Choose the top three scores, or a combination of top scores and students who qualified.

	vs	
1)		1)
2)		2)
3)		3)
4)		4)

Four students vs four students.

	vs	
1)		1)
2)		2)
3)		3)
4)		4)

Two students vs two students.

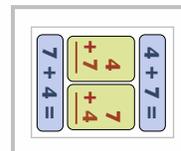
	vs	
1)		1)
2)		2)

The Math Facts Mad Dash Class vs Class

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



Distance from starting line to answer table: 10 feet.



Classes:

Date:

Place:

Time:

Why a relay race? Why a challenge?

A challenge is better than nagging or forcing.
A challenge says, "Can you do this? Prove it!"

Children prepare for tryouts by studying and doing the dash at home. If they learn the facts, they can make the team.

A race adds fun and increases blood and oxygen to the brain. The race adds fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Set up a race course in your living room or backyard. Children study on their own and mark the practice chart each time. Parents watch your children do the dash. Encourage them. Do the dash with them at least once. Mark your score below.

See the articles, *The Power of Challenging Children*, and *A Student's Guide to Learning Math Facts*.

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Date	Time	Score

Practice Chart



Child: _____

Use these facts:

Parent and Child Best. Time: _____ Score: _____

Parent's Signature

Please return this to your child's teacher.

For Parents

We like the dash and would like to do it again.

If you can help run *The Math Facts Mad Dash* at school, please send me a note, include days and times you are available. Thanks. :)

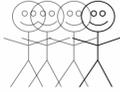
Try Outs Date:

The Math Facts Mad Dash

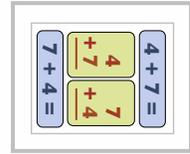
Class vs Class

Send this page home for children and parents.

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Classes:

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Place:

Time:

Fill in classes, and the date, time and place of the finals.

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Parent and child do the dash at least once a week.

Choose the facts for the challenge. Write them here.

Date	Time	Score

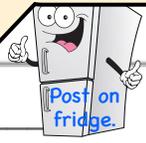
Children run the race daily and record their scores.

Practice Chart

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