

Help your favorite elementary school teachers.



Did you have teachers in elementary school that helped make you the person you are today?

My name is Mitchell Mark. I was a Third Grade Teacher. It is a great joy for a teacher to hear from former students. There is a wonderful way to get in touch with your elementary school teachers, thank them, and help their students succeed in math.

The Math Facts Mad Dash is a relay race with math facts. The dash makes it easy to give children a goal to strive towards. In minutes, you can make a video that will motivate children to learn essential math facts, and do the dash at home. You can also choose to visit your teacher, and watch her students do the dash. It's fun, easy, and rewarding. Here are your options:

Option 1: Make a video. Take out your phone. It will take less than a minute. Below is a sample script:

*Hello girls and boys. My name is _____.
I was a student in your teacher's class in the year, _____. I am challenging you to do The Math Facts Mad Dash.
Try to get all eight facts correct, and complete the dash in less than 60 seconds.*

Contact me. Send me your video challenge.

I will help you customize a challenge form. See the attached example. I may provide prizes for students.

Tell your teacher about it. Call or send a letter. Do not use e-mail for your first contact.

Option 2 : Visit the classroom for 15 minutes. Watch children do the dash. Do it with them.

Your teacher will be thrilled. The children will treat you like a celebrity. Rarely do we get a chance to do so much good for so little time and effort. Let me know the date and time of your visit. I will try to attend.

The challenge is good for children, teachers, and parents. It's also good for you. Your participation looks great on a resume or college application. I appreciate you taking the time to help young people. I look forward to seeing your challenge video.

Warm wishes,

Mitch

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Are you faster than a Cougar?



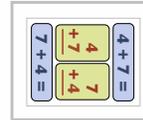
Beth McNash was a student in Mrs. Basham's class.
 She is now a student at El Dorado High.
 She is challenging Mrs. Basham's 3rd Grade to do
 The Math Facts Mad Dash.



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



Distance from starting line to answer table: 10 feet.



Use the
FastFacts Math app
or flashcards.

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

The dash adds fun and fitness, while sending blood and oxygen to the brain.

If Mrs. Basham and three of her students can do the dash in under a minute,
 Beth will bring them a pizza for lunch.

Every student who tries our gets a Bic mechanical pencil.

To try out, children do the dash at home, and bring in the form below.

Mrs. Basham will choose three students to do the dash with her.



Print instructional flashcards, along with a parent guide and a
 student study guide at studysmart.com



Girls and boys, practice for a few minutes every day, and you will master these facts.

Prove to yourself, your parents, and your teacher, that you can learn math facts on your own!

The Math Facts Mad Dash Challenge

Child: _____ Partner: _____

Date: _____ Facts correct: _____ Time: _____

I give permission for my child to be in pictures and videos, practicing math facts and doing The Math Facts Mad Dash.

Parent Signature: _____

If the teacher has not selected facts, choose your own. Avoid easy facts like 0s, 1s, 10s 11s.
