

# The Math Facts Mad Dash After School

## Parent & Child, Grades K-6

### Parent and child team up.

It's the night of the school play.

Parents and children are everywhere.

This is a perfect opportunity for a Math Facts Mad Dash.

It takes about a minute to do the dash.

Parents and children can get into the habit of doing it every day.

They can help each other learn the facts.

Children can work with either parent or both.

### Make it a regular part of after school events.

This challenge sends strong messages to children and parents:

Math facts matter. Study at home. Parents, get involved.

Mastering math facts becomes part of your school's culture.

### Have students make flyers announcing the challenge.

The more you promote the event, the more children and parents will study and practice.

### Easy, cost-free.

All you do is send home an announcement.

Children study and practice at recess and at home.

No class time. No fees. No purchase necessary.

Send me an e-mail if you are planning an after school dash. Show me some of your flyers. Perhaps StudySmart will sponsor you dash.

Best wishes,

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### The Simplest Dash

1) Attach the Dash to an after school event (Talent show, parent-teacher conferences, etc).

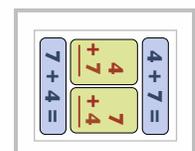
2) Send home a notice to parents.

3) Have parent volunteers run Math Facts Mad Dash stations.

4) Post a leaderboard with top scores. Prizes and certificates optional.

\* One teacher can decide to host this dash. It's a great way to let teachers and parents know about 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. If there is more than one player, when the first player gets back to the starting line, the next player goes. You can use flashcards with a timer, or an app.

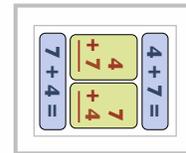
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**Date:**

**Time:**

**Place:**

### Why a relay race? Why a challenge?

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

Practice with your child, then come to school on the date above, and enter The Math Facts Mad Dash.

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*.

Learn more about The Math Facts Mad Dash  
Print instructional flashcards at [studysmart.com](http://studysmart.com).

Date	Time	Score

### Practice Chart

Child: \_\_\_\_\_



Use these facts:


Parent and Child Best. Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Score: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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. :)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

Please return this to your child's teacher.