



LONG BRANCH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"Where Children Matter Most"

Michael Salvatore
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Dear Parents & Guardians,

The Long Branch Elementary Schools will teach the Everyday Mathematics program to all kindergarten through fifth grade students. This research-based mathematics program developed at the University of Chicago School Mathematics Project emphasizes the application of mathematics to real world situations. Numbers, skills, and mathematical concepts are not presented in isolation, but are linked to situations and contexts that are relevant to students' everyday lives.

Each Everyday Mathematics lesson includes time for whole-group instruction as well as small group, partner, or individual activities. These activities balance teacher-directed instruction with opportunities for open-ended problem solving, hands-on explorations, long-term cross curricular projects, and on-going skills and facts practice.

Mathematical understanding occurs over time. Therefore, the Everyday Mathematics program captures a child's growth through the use of formative and summative assessments. These assessments provide the school and the home with valuable feedback on students' individual achievements in mathematical concepts and skills as well as guide the instruction occurring in your child's classroom.

To formulate appropriate report card grades, the following details the calculation that will be used to assign a marking period grade to your child in mathematics.

Component	Percentage of the Final Grade	Description
Unit Test Part A	60%	A written assessment given at the end of each unit where children can demonstrate what they know.
Unit Test Part B	5%	A written assessment given at the end of each unit where children can demonstrate what they know. Some of the items on this written assessment preview skills that have been introduced and skills to come in future units.
Facts Mastery	15%	Students will be graded on mastery of facts based on their grade level goals.
Class work	10%	Students will receive a grade for class assignments, projects, and participation.
Homework	10%	Students will be given a grade based on homework completion.

As you can see, all facets of the mathematics program will be used to determine a marking period grade for your child. To ensure that your child is performing at his/her optimal level we encourage you to review homework, practice grade level facts, and review concepts to be presented on unit tests with your child. Utilize the Everyday Math Parent Letters, which are sent home before each new unit, to be aware of the skills that your child will be learning in math.

If you have any questions regarding the Everyday Math program, math grades, or your child's progress in mathematics, please contact your child's teacher.

Thank you,

Francisco E. Rodriguez

Mr. Francisco E. Rodriguez
Principal
Amerigo A. Anastasia Elementary School