

Formula Fridays

Month of May

For Formula Fridays this month, I'd like students to "look closely" at how they use math in real life. We've tried to make math meaningful this year, and now I'd like to see how students can make math meaningful in their own lives.

The Challenge

Use math, in some way, at home over the course of the week.

Some Ideas To Get Your Child Thinking

- Cook or bake together. Focus on measurement and/or fractions.
- Go shopping together. Look at adding and subtracting decimal amounts.
- Build a box to ship an item off to a family member or friend. Focus on geometry and nets.
- Build a bigger box to keep toys or books safe and organized at home. Focus on geometry and nets.
- Divide up food amounts at lunch or dinnertime. Look at division and/or fractions.
- Look at structures in your environment. Focus on the 3-D figures used in these structures and why they might be used. Focus on geometry and 3-D figures.

Have your child keep track of how he/she used math at home during the week, and share it with me in some way each Friday. Your child can ...

- Write and/or draw what he/she did.
- Take a photograph or video of his/her work.
- Email me (adunsige@hwdsb.on.ca) about what he/she did.
- Write a blog post about what he/she did.
- Or get creative, and share his/her work with me in another way.

I'm excited to hear about the different ways that the students use math in their lives!