

FOURTH GRADE DISTRICT COMPETITION

Grant County fourth-grade students are up to the challenge! What challenge could they possibly be competing in, you wonder? The Morgan Mathematical Mind (M^3) Cup! This challenge is a math challenge where all fourth-grade students are challenged with learning their multiplication facts automatically from facts 0-10. Each fourth-grade student was given a set of multiplication flashcards to practice when they are idle, on the bus, at home, or in the car for instance. From now until April 29, 2022 students can complete multiplication minute tests to prove they know their facts! Each minute test contains 20 problems for each fact 0-10.

The M^3 Cup is broken into four mini competitions. From now, January 19, 2022, until January 31st students are tasked with learning 1 fact. They choose which fact they test. If students master one fact in January they will receive a yummy prize during their lunch. Our January competition is "Tackle Those Facts" – a football theme!

February our students are competing to "Hit the Goal" a hockey theme. Students are trying to master three facts in February of their choosing. Another prize awaits those students who complete this mini-competition. Once February is complete, our fourth-graders will know 4 facts!

With March comes basketball so only fitting our challenge is a "Slam Dunk"! Students are again trying to master three facts in March. If students can master three facts in March they will again receive a small prize. By the end of March, our students should know 8 facts automatically!

Our last month of the challenge is April, we are beginning baseball season so our students are going to "Knock it Out of the Park!". April is another 3-fact month. Students who learn three facts will receive a small prize. The

Culminating prize for students achieving the M^3 Cup – learning all 11 facts, will get to take a field trip in May. Their field trip is of their choosing. Students are able to choose to attend a movie theatre to watch a brand-new movie, or attend 90 minutes at Defy Trampoline park at NO COST to the student!

This challenge where fun, is meant to impact our students for their lifetime. Knowing multiplication facts off the tip of their tongue will benefit their math career through high school and beyond. We hope each community member will help us encourage our students to learn their multiplication facts. You can keep track with us as there is also another piece of the challenge. Each week, the elementary school with the highest level of mastery will receive a traveling trophy! On our district website and social media, the results of the week will be shared.

We hope to crown all of our fourth-grade students Morgan Mathematical Mind Cup Winners this Spring!