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# Crisp's Corner

August 7th, 2019 Brooks Elementary School 3rd Grade



Hello, My name is Robin Crisp and I am the MTSS (Multi-tiered System of Support) teacher for the 3rd grade. What that means is that I will be giving support to the students and teachers in all the third grade classes wherever and whenever they need me. I will be working with students on all levels. I will also be available to you should you need me about any concerns you are having with your child's academics. The students will see me going in and out of all three classes throughout the day teaching small groups of students and sometimes maybe the whole class. My purpose however, is not to pull your student away from the class but to enrich the instruction they are already getting in class.

I will be sending home bi-monthly newsletters keeping you updated on what I am doing in your child's class. The newsletter will also include activities and games that you can do at home to enhance what we are doing in school. I may occasionally include links to videos and websites that will prove helpful in understanding skills and strategies we are learning in class. And, of course each newsletter will include my contact information should you need to reach out to me.

I will always post the newsletters on my website should you misplace them and need to refer back to the information I included. I am very much looking forward to working with your child this year and being a partner with you in your child's learning.

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## Guess my number

Basically, this is the numerical version of the famous "I spy with my little eye" game - kids are always very curious and just trying to guess something could entertain them for hours.

In "Guess my number" one player thinks of a number and the other player or players have to guess which one it is by asking mathematical questions such as: is it greater than...? Is it an odd number? If I multiply it by X is the answer X? Can it be divided by X?

Questions could be as simple or as complicated as the level of the child. This game helps children to get used to numerical system logic and vocabulary in its different categories.

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September 4th, 2019

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Can you believe we have been in school about a whole month? They always say time flies when you are having fun! I have to say I have the best job in the world. I don't work with just one classroom of amazing kids but I work with three classrooms of amazing kids. In just the three weeks that we have been together I have already seen them doing great things in writing, math and reading. We have been writing about "our moment in time". And learn how to strengthen our writing by using our senses in our pieces and using bolder verbs to make movies in our readers' minds.

In reading, we have been learning about theme and character traits using folktales, trickster tales, and tall tales. For some of us "The Princess Mouse" and "Paul Bunyan" have been favorites.

Math has been great fun because we like to use our brains to figure out puzzles and problems and to get deep into the WHY of things. Not to mention that is when we get to draw to solve math. So we have been rounding to the tens place and the hundreds place. We also have been solve big addition and subtraction problem by breaking them apart.

Your kids love to be teachers so let them have time to be the teacher at home and you be the student for awhile and teach you some of the math we have been doing in class.

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## 17 Reasons Why Reading is Important For Everyone

*(each newsletter I will add a new reason)*

### 1. It helps you discover yourself

Every good book opens up new dimensions of thoughts for the reader. When you read a book, you somehow try to connect the events, emotions, experiences and characters in the books with yourself. This not only keeps you engrossed into the book but it also makes you realize how you would react and feel to those situations that have not yet occurred in your life.

It helps you broaden your dimension of likes and dislikes and things that would please you. So with every page that you read, you have a chance to discover a new part of yourself

How can I help my child **SUCCEED** in school?

- Stay involved and feel free to contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.
- Do not talk negatively about your child's teacher or school.
- Make sure your child is getting plenty of sleep and is ready for school each day.
- Help your child with his/her homework every night.
- Ask your children about school and encourage them to talk about their day.
- Read with your child every night.
- Teach your children to be responsible for their actions and their schoolwork.

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$36 + 57 = ?$

First decompose the numbers into just the tens. Then add them together.

$30 + 50 = 80$

Then add the ones together.

$6 + 7 = 13$  (10+3)

The 13 can be broken down too if it helps the student.

The sum is found by adding the tens and ones together.

$93$

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Fall Break is next week! Anyone have any big plans? Not me, I am going to relax and spend my time reading some good books. Fall officially began yesterday so I am going to also decorate my house and dig out my sweaters and wait for the weather to hopefully turn cool.

I am encouraging all the students to take home a book to read over the break. This week is our Book Fair. Maybe they can buy a new book to read over the break. There are some great book for less than five dollars at the book fair this time. If not I have hundreds of books to choose from that I will let them borrow. But if like me they aren't traveling a good book can still take them on an adventure of a lifetime.

We have started multiplication and division in math and the students are having great success with it. Continued success, though, requires practice, practice, practice. If you are interested in games for home please contact me and I will send some home for you to keep.

In reading and writing we are looking at informational text. We are identifying visual (text) features in the books we are reading and learning how to use those in the piece we are writing on giraffes. We have learned some amazing things about giraffes in our research.

Again, you can always reach out to me with any questions or concerns. I am here to help in any way I can. I am a support for the teachers, students and you.

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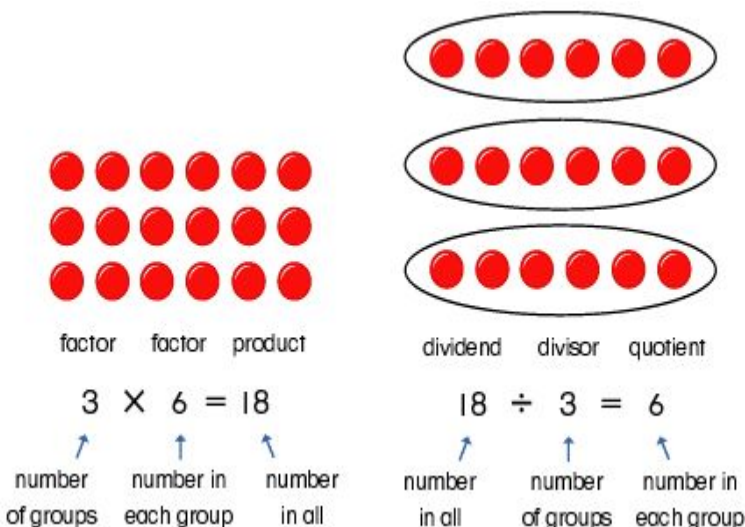
### 2. Imparts valuable lessons from years of experiences

Books are not written in a day. For an Author, it takes a lot of hard work, understanding, experiences, knowledge and in many cases lots of pain to come up with a single book. But we as a reader get to read them in just weeks or days thereby living years of experiences in considerably less time.

### 3. It improves your Focus and Concentration

The Internet has definitely revolutionized our world. But there's a huge drawback too. For many of us, a large part of our day is spent surfing, chatting, watching videos, reading unnecessary memes and articles online. No wonder people are growing more impatient and losing focus.

However, reading books is one of those constructive habits that actually help us improve our concentration power. It helps us to train our brain to focus our attention and live in the present.





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October 15, 2019

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Happy Autumn! This is my favorite time of the year! The trees are pretty colors, you have four celebrations (Halloween, Thanksgiving, my birthday, and Christmas) back to back, you get to wear sweaters and boots, and its pumpkin spice everything.

We've back been in school for a week now and back into the swing of things. We are learning to compare and contrast ideas and details from two texts on the same topic. We know that compare means to tell how they are the same and contrast means to tell how they are different.

In writing, we are finishing our informational piece. We have learned so much about animals and how they have adapted to their habitat, what dangers they face, and how they inherit traits from their parents. We are really getting tech savvy by making a Google slide presentation with all of our information.

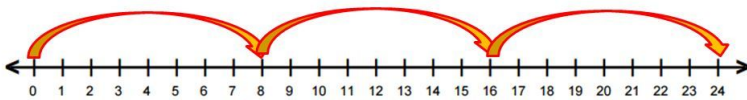
We are still multiplying and dividing in math. Make sure to ask your student about all of the strategies we have been practicing (arrays, grouping, number line, skip counting). Have them make up some number stories to share with you to solve with them for fun practice at home.

As always, remember I am always available for questions or concerns. Please reach out to me if you feel your student needs extra help in any area and we will work to get them what they need.

## Wrap-Up

How can skip counting on a number line show multiplication?

What is the multiplication equation for the model below?



**3 groups of 8**

$$3 \times 8 = 24$$

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### 4. Reading improves your emotional health

Books are full of emotions. Sometimes they will make you cry with every turning page and sometimes they will just keep you smiling. It can fill you with anger when the antagonist of the story succeeds in his evil plan, but again it can give you immense pleasure to see your hero achieving his goal.

Books can make us happy, sad, jealous, loved, betrayed and so on! Books are thus an amalgamation of different mixed emotions that ultimately help us grow emotionally!

### 5. Importance of Reading in memory enhancement

There are a lot of things that we need to remember while reading a book. Name of the characters and their features, name of the places, plots and subplots, the sequence of events, important conversations etc. are some of the key information we need to keep in mind while reading. And the ability to retain these information keeps improving with the number of books that you read.

As your brain learns to remember the information from the story-line, it also becomes better at remembering other things of your life. So by reading books, you are also indirectly training your brain in improving your memory.

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December 16, 2019

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Well, Autumn seemed to jumped right into Winter. The days are shorter and very much colder. For some of us that it a good thing because it means more time for indoor activities like reading a good book, playing a board game with your family or watching a sappy and predictable movie on the Hallmark channel. For those that would rather be in the outdoors in warm weather you aren't so happy right now. I hope I can bring you to the other side by sending home some games to play with your kids during these long cold days.

In your students backpacks you should find a ziplock bag with some reading games and math games. There will be dice and a dry erase marker to play the games with. Keep the games in the plastic protector to keep playing them over and over. These are what we call fluency games and they help kids learn in a fun way. Even if the students start catching on to the answers to the problems the more they play them and do the math mentally, the more it is going to help them with real life math like grocery shopping, calculating wages, building, measurements, and cooking.

I hope these also help with any down time they may have over the break. If they start complaining about "being bored" they can play their fluency games and take care of that problem!

I truly hope that your holidays are wonderful and this time with your family is enjoyable. I will miss the kids over the next two weeks but I am sure we all will be energized when we come back and ready to tackle the remaining five months. As always, feel free to contact me if you feel your child needs extra help in any area.

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### 6. It's a great source of motivation

Life is tricky. Sometimes there are moments in our life when we feel down and discouraged. We may lose our hope and interest in life and just want to give up. Well, in times like this, sometimes all we need is a little motivation, little push in the right direction.

Reading a good inspirational book during such period can change our way of thinking and give us hope and motivation. Books are no doubt a huge source of motivation. We can derive great inspirations from them and transform our lives positively.

### 7. It expands your knowledge and makes you smarter

Books are a very rich source of information. With every book you read, you get to learn new things. The more you read, the more you know about different people, their behavior and experiences, different places, different cultures and facts that otherwise you would not have known.

Reading books somehow or the other adds depth to your knowledge base. With your increasing knowledge, you become capable of making better decisions and choices in life. You become aware of your surroundings and tend to have an open mind.

With so many new things learned, people who read, obviously tend to be smarter than people who don't!

$6 \times 8 = ?$  Break 8 up into two easier #'s...

$6 \times 8 = 6 \times (5 + 3)$   
 $= (6 \times 5) + (6 \times 3)$   
 $= 30 + 18$   
 $= 48$