



SALLY RIDE'S BASIC FACTS PROGRAM WILL START OCTOBER 5, 2015!

Dear Sally Ride Parents/Guardians,

Beginning Monday, October 5, 2015 Sally Ride students in first through fifth grade will be given math facts practice opportunities appropriately created for their grade level. (Kindergarten students will begin basic facts practice November 3rd.) These opportunities are not part of a student's math grade but are designed to support Sally Ride's goal of helping all students improve in mathematics.

Educational researchers and cognitive scientists agree that the ability to recall basic math facts fluently is necessary for students to attain higher-order math skills. Practice sessions should be short (2 to 5 minutes, not 20) and frequent (twice a day rather than twice a week). We believe your partnership with us in helping your child master their math facts is vital.

All students will start math facts at the grade level which they are currently enrolled. Once your child finishes the practices in his/her grade level, he/she will be able to proceed into the next grade level's practices. We will continue to recognize one student from each class at our Town Meeting who has demonstrated progression in math facts. **In order to help you prepare your child for these practice opportunities a copy of the 2015-2016 Sally Ride Basic Facts Pyramid is attached.**

Thank you, in advance, for your help and participation in this important program. We look forward to all Sally Ride students benefiting from this program to improve their math skills.

Sincerely,

Elise Burgess
Principal