

## *Welcome to "Math Muscles" Boot Camp!*

Ever wonder why our children can memorize every Pokemon character or all of the words to a Hannah Montana song but can't remember the math facts? Me, too! So we are going to try to make the mastery of facts fun and easy!

If your child is counting on fingers, using a number line, or counting up or down in his/her head then you need to build math muscles! Having math facts at the immediate recall level allows our learners to focus on the problem solving aspects of math **WITHOUT LOSING** their focus by having to stop and figure out the computation part of the math.

Here is the plan -- each week for the next 12 weeks we will send home a set of practice cards (you do have to cut them out) for **ONE AND ONLY ONE MATH FACT** (and its variations).

All you have to do is practice those cards with your child a few minutes several times a week -- and then add the new fact the following week to the one(s) your child knows already.

And make it silly! Hide a card in the clothes drawer by a pair of socks! Or tape one to the doorknob. Or have your learner hold up a card like he/she is the Statue of Liberty and say the fact three times while they turn around slowly in a circle! Sound crazy? Maybe so -- but so is **NOT** knowing those math facts!

So sit back and enjoy the fun -- your journey toward **MATH MUSCLES** is about to begin!

Mrs. Curry (Mrs. Math Fact Muscles!)

$$5 + 6 = 11$$

$$6 + 5 = 11$$

$$11 - 5 = 6$$

$$11 - 6 = 5$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6 \\ +5 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5 \\ +6 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ -6 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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