



ST. BASIL

Catholic Elementary School

Dear Parents,

As part of our ongoing commitment to student learning in Mathematics, St. Basil's is making available to parents a license for children to use the Dreambox Learning program. This program is designed to meet the specific learning needs of individual students in the area of Number Sense and Numeration, but will also support learning in other areas of Mathematics as well. It is intended for use for students in grades 1-6 to supplement math learning at home, in a similar fashion to a daily home reading program.

This program which was previously used as an instructional tool at school for grades 1-3 will now be available to any parent who wishes to buy it for their child to use at home. We are able to offer this at a considerable discounted price of \$25 for one year. The process to access the program at home is very easy and instructions will be sent home should you decide to purchase.

Ideally your child would complete around 6 to 8 lessons a week, for no more than 15 to 20 minutes per learning session (a lesson could take as little as 3 mins.) This is a highly individualized and intuitive program. Please note that it is alright if he or she makes a mistake. The program is designed to analyze these and understand his or her learning need and then provide follow-up or reinforcement lessons. If your child becomes frustrated with any particular lesson, there are many others within the program that they can use! While it may be difficult to watch our children struggle through the learning, please resist the urge to help with answers as this may cause the program to advance him or her to concepts they might not be ready to understand. Through the parent dashboard that you will have the option to sign up for, you can be kept apprised of the content and concepts that your child is working through. You will be emailed short simple activities connected to the Dreambox activities your child is engaged in so that you can help reinforce the learning taking place, if you wish!

It is important to note that consistent use of the program is what will add to your child's academic success. This program is intended to supplement the work happening at school, and it will use the same concepts and math language your child uses at school and is comfortable with. Children inevitably spend some time on electronics almost every day; consider using this program as a fun way to reinforce their learning in Mathematics.

Should you decide to purchase this program you must do so via Cashonline. Once the purchase is made, our students will be registered and you will receive instructions on how to access the program. Payment is due by December 7th.

Thank you for your continued support!

Lisa Kuyper

Principal