

Students Excited about New Math Program

Has your child been begging for my computer time to...play math games? Yes, that's right—math games. New this school year, Mount Aviat is offering third-through eighth-grade students the opportunity to use the educational website First In Math to improve their math skills. Funding for this program was provided by McCormick Orthodontics' Smile for a Lifetime Scholarship (www.S4L.org). The new program is a big hit with students. Third-grade teacher Mrs. Baker notes, "Students are really excited about First in Math. They can't wait to play."

First In Math is an easy-to-use, educational website that gets students excited about math. Specially-designed "games" develop and reinforce basic concepts, and are a great way for students to have fun while learning skills that will last a lifetime. Content ranges from addition to algebra, and children proceed at their own pace—mastering problem-solving, computation, critical-thinking and pattern-recognition skills—as they advance through the levels of the program. Students receive immediate feedback and are motivated by reinforcement in the form of electronic award stickers when students solve problems correctly. There are no penalties for incorrect responses. The First In Math program currently includes more than 1.2 million students playing on more than 55,000 online teams in 45 states.

Each student receives his or her own personal User ID and Password, and can play the games during down time at school or at home. Students also can use the "Rankings" feature to see where they stand among their peers in their class and even among the school. Explore the site with your child at <http://www.firstinmath.com/> and discover a great learning experience!