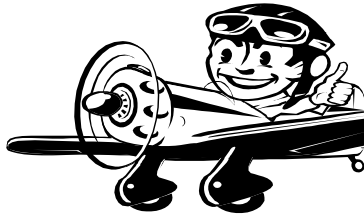


TO: Students & Parents

FROM: Sheila Glazer, EQUATIONS Club Teacher/Sponsor



Math is Fun !

Equations Club

What is *Equations*? *Equations* is a game . . . it comes in a box & is fun for multiple players. However, *Equations* is so much more. It is a vehicle for improving:

- math computation skills,
- fluent thinking skills,
- flexible thinking skills,
- risk-taking skills, &
- strategic thinking skills.

Who might like Equations Club? Equations Club is an after-school enrichment activity for students in **grades 2—5** who love **math, competition, & strategy**. The *second session of first semester* will be **7 Monday sessions** as follows: **Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, and Dec 7 & 21** (skip Dec. 14), with a **minimum of 8** students & a **maximum of 20**. We have a wonderful group of students (many new) who joined the first session of 2009-10 Equations Club. **We always welcome new members!**

What is the cost? The total cost for 7 sessions is \$98 (this includes materials fee.) You can send payment and registration form to me now, or have your child bring them to our first class on Nov. 2.

More about the math: Students in grades 2 & 3 will play together *at level 3*, using the following operators: +, —, ×, and ÷. Students in grades 4 & 5 play together *at level 4/5*, using the aforementioned operators, as well as radicals and exponents. Do not worry . . . I will teach these “operations,” but **practice** at home will be very helpful!

What is Equations Competition? *Equations* is so challenging that the Gifted Resource Council (GRC) sponsors an annual Equations Competition which takes usually takes place in March.

Solomon Schechter Students have been participating in the annual GRC’s Equations Competition since 2003. We have been featured in the St. Louis Jewish Light three different times, including March 29, 2009. At the 3rd — 5th grade levels, we have sent 18 teams, & our students have had great success, receiving the following awards: 15 gold medals (3 teams) for Teams of Distinction, 5 shirts for Best Costume, & 10 gold pins for individual “perfect” scores. **Most importantly, however, the students who attended the competition had a wonderful learning experience & a great time!**

In the fall semester, we learn & practice play. There will also be a spring semester class, which often culminates with the aforementioned GRC Competition. **Being in Equations Club does not guarantee a spot on a competitive team, but every effort will be made to accommodate all of the students.**

How to sign up for Equations: Registrations for after-school classes are handled directly through the enrichment providers. To sign up for the second fall session of Equations, please use the form below; send it with \$98 to me: **Sheila Glazer; 947 Kinsale Dr.; Ballwin, MO 63021**. For questions, please call **636-227-4825** (leave a message . . . my recorder will not cut you off) or email **saglazer@att.net**. Include your child’s name, grade, & your contact information. I will return your inquiry ASAP.

Please register _____, in grade _____, for the Nov. 2 to Dec. 21 session of Equations Club.

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone(s) _____

Address _____

Email _____

Send this form with payment to: **Sheila Glazer; 947 Kinsale Dr.; Ballwin, MO 63021**