



Dessert with Directors Notes – 11/17/23

- **Common Core Math - How do parents help their students?**

It would be nice to give a tutorial/sheet for parents to use. Common Core is complex. The purpose is to see if the student understands the why behind what they are doing. We are asking for parents to help with fluency and foundational items like multiplications tables and math facts. This is how parents can help their child at home. For younger students, help them learn the concept of amounts. Teachers can help the students with the Why. If your students don't know how to complete their assignments, then the teacher will know what support the student needs. It is ok for them to struggle.

- **How do we communicate better with the EMS teachers? Parents don't know how to use Google Classroom. More education for the parents is needed. Parents were not happy with the first quarter results. Parents are asking the administration to help the parents help the students.**

Middle school isn't just an adjustment for students, but for parents as well. If there is real concern, the middle school teachers will reach out to you. Let your student adjust to the new expectations. Don't ever hesitate to reach out to teachers. Our job in Middle School is to prepare them for high school. Homework club is continuing in January and will be a good resource for students that are struggling. (Peer to peer help)