



November 2nd, 2009

Dear 6th and 7th Grade REALMS Families,

I am so excited to send home our first **FAMILY POW** (Problem of the Week) of the 2009-2010 school year! The purpose of the Family Problems is for students to practice the learning targets, “I **work cooperatively**” and “I **explain my thinking** clearly” in a familiar and safe environment by doing math together with their families.

Feeling a little rusty on your math skills-don't panic! Your student has already had 2 weeks to practice similar POWs so this is their opportunity to be the expert! But, this project requires more than math skills. You can model for your student how to handle challenging problems, use resources, ask questions, proofread, cooperate, manage time, and, most importantly, make the most of a great learning opportunity.

Your family should create a small poster or book (maximum paper size 11x17”) to present the problem and explain your solution as clearly as possible. This Family POW is a required assignment. It will be assessed according to the expectations outlined on the back of this letter, and is

DUE ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH.

Feel free to email me at lynda.beauchamp@bend.k12.or.us or call me at school if you have any questions. Remember that we have a common goal of creating learning opportunities for your student. If your family needs help figuring out how to meet this requirement because of your own unique circumstances, I will happily get creative with you. I have helped families make a variety of special arrangements in the past to support their students.

Have fun!

Lynda Beauchamp
Math Teacher

P.S. If you have more than one REALMS 6th or 7th grade student in the family, you still only need to turn in one paper.