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News from Ms. Smith (February 2016)

Moving Ahead in Math

Ms. Smith and Mr. Korr's students have been working very hard to make progress in our new Singapore Math program. Singapore Math has been very challenging but it has also been very rewarding, and they have especially loved the use of manipulatives in class. (If you don't know much about Singapore Math or math manipulatives, [click here to read a news story from earlier in the year.](#))



Our students have been doing especially well in two key math areas: multiplication and geometry. For multiplication, we've been using our quick response boards (erasable white boards) to practice our multiplication tables. Check out Jeremiah Smith and Kalena Towson (left) showing off their 5's multiplication tables that go all the way from 1 to 30! We've also started geometry and figuring out how to measure mathematical shapes. We can calculate the perimeter of a rectangle, which is the distance around the outside, as well as its area, the size of a shape's surface. Tyrik Sellman (right) shows off his perfect area problems which Ms. Smith has prominently displayed in the classroom.

Ms. Smith and Mr. Korr are so proud of their student's progress! They are learning valuable skills that will help them excel in math in later grades while preparing them for the Maryland state PARCC assessment this year!