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**XtraMath**

[](http://www.bing.com/images/search?q=xtramath&view=detail&id=96D483DA07F69D765B238EB2CEBA5C7A9AEAF737&first=0&FORM=IDFRIR)One of the weaknesses that I see in this year’s class is a deficiency in math facts. They tend to know them, but their speed is nowhere close to where it will need to be by year’s end. That’s why I was so excited to discover XtraMath. We are giving them time daily to get their rotations completed in class. It would be equally beneficial (if not more so) if you could make sure the same is being done at home. If you need another enrollment paper, just let me know. Improvement in math facts usually does not happen on its own. It ONLY seems to come through repetition. Thank you for your help. The site is located at:

[**www.xtramath.org**](http://www.xtramath.org)

**Class Website**

j0205582 Miss Ahrmann has been working to maintain our class website. This past week we debuted the Classroom Reporter section written by our own Annie. Also you will find important dates, links to websites we use, newsletters, and even classroom pictures. Again, we will be adding more so please send us your ideas of what you’d like to see. The website is:

[**www.fourthgraderocks.weebly.com**](http://www.fourthgraderocks.weebly.com)

**Girls on the Run**

[](http://www.bing.com/images/search?q=girls+on+the+run&view=detail&id=229B478568948F4289399E866084AA219C58B2AE&first=0&FORM=IDFRIR)A new program starting this year at Richards is called Girls on the Run. It is designed for girls from grades 3-6. While fitness is a part of it, a huge portion is dedicated to defining who they are as young ladies and embracing that. I’m doubly excited as my wife is going to be the coach. She is a personal trainer at Columbus Fit, and she knows the value of fitness and self-image first hand. Please spread the word. For more information, check their website at:

[**www.girlsontherun.org**](http://www.girlsontherun.org)

**Coming Up…**

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| **Assignments/Tests** | **Calendar** |
| **Reading –** *The Astronaut and the Onion;* Daily 5/  CAFÉ; character traits; 40 Book Challenge  **Language –** Vocabulary; simple subject  and simple predicate  **Spelling –** Week 5 (on Spelling City)  **Math –** Mean, median, mode, and range;  Bar graphs; XtraMath  **Science –** Changes in ecosystems (Ls. 5); test  **Social Studies -** Diagnostic baseline data | **9/20 🡪** Bus Safety Program  **9/24 🡪** Mill Race Race/Mayor’s Walk (10 am)  Open gym at Richards (8-12)  **9/30 🡪** Gold Bar Store (during lunch times)  **10/3-14 🡪**  Parent/Teacher Conferences  **10/20-21 🡪** Fall Break |