MATH FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. *What if my student can’t logon to thinkcentral?*

Make sure your home device isn’t blocking the site. If your student can log on at school, they should be able to from any location.

2. *What if my student doesn’t have their logon information?*

All usernames and passwords are hanging on the whiteboard in room 4. Students can come in and copy them down anytime.

3. *What if my student didn’t write the homework assignment in their planner?*

Each day, by 2:45, the homework is posted on the 4th grade class calendar. Go to the website for Fuerte (cajonvalley.net—click on our schools—Fuerte) then click on Class Pages—click on 4th grade. Click on Class Calendar.

4. *What if I’m not sure about which page or book to use for homework?*

Click on the assignment for math. For example, it might say, Math pg. 23. If you click on it, it will describe the assignment for you in more detail and tell you exactly where to find it.

5. *What if my student lost the homework?*

Just logon to thinkcentral. Click on: My Library Click on: Student Practice Book and scroll down to the page you need. Print it out.

6. *What if my student is having difficulty doing the homework?*

There are several things to do:

1. Have them look in their Math Journal—we take notes in it most days

2. Go to thinkcentral : My Library: click on the Reteach workbook. Scroll to the lesson we are on and find the same lesson number—it will tell you step-by-step how to do it—and give you some examples to practice. Just print it out.

3. Go to thinkcentral: My Library: click on the “lady with the red hat” icon. Scroll until you find the skill your student needs to practice and watch the video.

4. Go to thinkcentral: My Library: click on the Interactive Student Edition. Click on the lesson that is the same as the one printed on the homework, for example 2.5 means Chapter 2 Lesson 5. Your student can watch the entire lesson as a video and practice the questions at the end with the personal math trainer.

5. Send me an email ([pribyll@cajonvalley.net](mailto:pribyll@cajonvalley.net))

7. *Why is my student struggling with math this year?*

The common core math standards are very rigorous. Math is harder than it was. We STILL teach the algorithms, however it is very important that your student understand WHY a procedure works. Without this understanding, most students will start struggling with math sometime in middle school. About 70% of current jobs require some STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) knowledge.