

SMP 1

This year at Stocker we are working on becoming better mathematicians by thinking like mathematicians. To do this, we are focusing on the Standards for Mathematical Practice. We will look at one each month. This month our practice is SMP 1: Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them. This means that students should be able to try many times to understand and solve a math problem.

Here are a few ways you can help your child practice this at home:

- When your child is frustrated with homework, encourage him/her to try multiple times before you step in to help. (Taking a break is fine!)
- Encourage your child to think of multiple ways to solve problems at home. (What is another way you can keep your room clean?)
- Praise the effort they put in to tasks, especially difficult tasks. (I like how much effort you put in to emptying the dishwasher.)
- Ask questions about their plans to tackle difficult situations. (How do you plan on getting better at shooting layups?)
- Let your child see you struggling with things. (Fixing the car is hard, but I am going to try again because it's important.)

Hope this helps!

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