

Dear Parent,

Your participation in homework is a positive force. We know that there are times when you will not be able to help, but demonstrating your interest will be a very positive factor in the motivation of your child.

Excel Math uses the CheckAnswer® system in grades 2-6. This system makes it possible for students to immediately verify their answers to practice and homework. The process involves adding the answers to two or more questions, then checking the sum of those answers with the CheckAnswer on their pages. The CheckAnswer box is provided to the right of the set of problems. Room is provided below the CheckAnswer box for the student to show the addition of the answers.

FOR EXAMPLE:

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
$\begin{array}{r} 74 \\ 24 \\ + 42 \\ \hline 140 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 3,621 \\ - 1,242 \\ \hline 2,379 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 426 \\ \times 8 \\ \hline 3,408 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 140 \\ 2,379 \\ + 3,408 \\ \hline 5,927 \end{array}$

The example is solved as follows.

- Take the sum of the addition problem in A, the answer for the subtraction problem in B, and the product of the multiplication problem in C, and write them under D.
- Add the three numbers together and compare the result to the CheckAnswer. If the results do not match, go back and check the work on problems A, B and C or recheck the addition on the CheckAnswer.

Addition is always used to keep the CheckAnswer process simple and consistent.

Watch for students who copy the answer to match the CheckAnswer and do not do the computation. The student sheets provide space for the students to show their work.

Please sign this letter on the line below and return it to me this week. With your help, we are sure your child will have a positive experience with mathematics this year.

Sincerely,

Signature of teacher

I have read this letter and will do my best to help at home this year.

Signature of parent