

# MATH COUNTS AT CKS!

## Mrs. Williamson's Class

Welcome back to school! I am excited to be back in the classroom and have been very busy preparing for activities this academic year. I can't wait to experience the wonder of totality with all my math students!

Students are using interactive student notebooks (ISN) this year! The notebooks allow students to stay organized, keep up with their activities and assignments and have some fun along the way.

Our classroom is a place where students can demonstrate and develop a "growth mindset". There has been a significant amount of research done on developing growth mindsets with children and the math classroom seems to be a perfect place to put the practice to good use.

"In a growth mindset, people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work—brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment" - Carol Dweck

If you are interested in reading more about growth mindsets for children, check out this webpage: <http://edglossary.org/growth-mindset/>

I will continue to teach 5-8 grade students this year. Mr. Stephens and I will teach the same objectives in fifth and sixth grade but they may not necessarily be done at the same time or in the same way. No worries, we are both working from the same curriculum and moving towards the same goal:) Seventh graders are working from the Diocesan Pre-Algebra curriculum while eighth grade will be immersed in Algebra I.