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Family Math Night at Murray-LaSaine *What can you learn from a deck of cards?*

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If you walked into Murray-LaSaine Elementary School the night of January 12th, you would have seen teachers, students, and parents huddled over decks of cards, counting up stacks of “money”, and playing with sets of dominoes. You would also have seen smiles and high-fives as students congratulated parents and teachers encouraged students in games such as Top-it, Name that Number, and Two-Fisted Pennies.

The Math Cadre at Murray-LaSaine put on a “game night” to focus on the Everyday Math Curriculum used by Charleston County School District. This curriculum encourages practice through games as opposed to repetitive worksheets. Drilling math facts can become tedious and lose its effectiveness, but under the guise of a game these same drills become fun. Parents left with some great ideas on how to use resources from home to reinforce math skills learned in school.

The night ended with a hot dog supper provided by the PTA and prepared by the teachers. Principal Lara Latto said, “Family Math Night gave our parents a chance to come to school and learn some of the techniques and strategies their children are learning in Everyday Math. These strategies can easily be used at home to supplement the classroom learning and serve as a link between the teacher and the home environment.”

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