

If your child is struggling with homework, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher.

Your own attitude about math can affect your child's attitude. Talk about math in a positive way, especially your own use of math. If you learned math differently than your child, learn along with your child and let her/him teach you! Inspire your child with your positive attitude.

Accessing Think Central

How to log on to ThinkCentral.com for the Math In Focus resource materials

1. Navigate to the Think Central website:

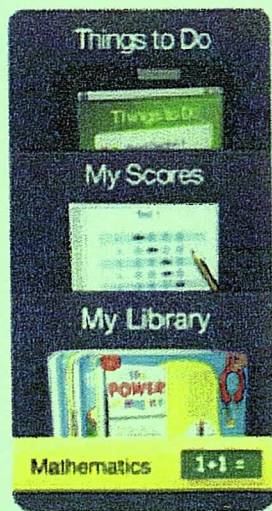
<http://www-k6.thinkcentral.com/ePC/logout.do>

2. From the series of drop down menus, select "United States", "Massachusetts", "Shrewsbury School District 01545", and the school your child attends.

3. Enter your child's username and password which can be obtained on your Power School Parent Portal.

4. Once logged on to Think Central, you will see 3 sections:

- a. "Things to Do" - Currently not activated
- b. "My Scores" - Currently not activated
- c. "My Library" contains the curricular resources which you and your child can use at home.



Math in Focus Homework Help

As your student is working through the new math program, Math In Focus, you may notice that they are learning mathematical strategies that look unfamiliar to you or are different from those that are comfortable. We recognize this may make supporting your child as they complete math homework challenging. Below please find some helpful hints in supporting your child as they grapple with thinking mathematically and demonstrate their understanding of mathematical concepts that they are working with in school.

Words to say when your child is stuck....

What is the question/ problem asking you?

What tool could help you solve this problem?

What could you draw to help you think about the problem?

What pictures can you make in your mind to help you solve this problem?

Look at the sample problem. How can this help you?

What do you remember from class?

Ways the Think Central website can support homework

Visit the chapter background videos

Access Think Central virtual manipulatives which can serve as tools to help students solve problems

Access the student edition on Think Central

Words to say when your child is finished...

How can you check your work?

Explain why you solved it that way.

How can you prove your answer is accurate?

Teach me what you know.

Resist the urge to...

Be too helpful - when students struggle, encourage them to develop persistence to solve problems.

Not help at all - use the questions above to help your child without doing the work for them.

Show him/her to how to do the math