



Dear Parents,

Pi Day is a big day in the world of Mathematics and I intend to organize the best celebration possible to recognize the awesomeness that is pi! Our theme this year is "Circles go on Forever!" I hope you will encourage your child/ren to participate in one or all of the extra activities that will be coming up. The reason this letter is being sent now instead of closer to the date is because one of the contests involves memorizing digits of pi and reciting them in a competition on pi day. This takes some time to do. Every student should have the first 500 digits ready to go, but if not, feel free to google "digits of pi" and you will find out just how awesome pi is! Just so you know, my most impressive contest winner in the past was a kindergartener who memorized and recited correctly more than 100 digits!! So age is definitely NOT a barrier to success!

More details will follow this letter, but it's really important that you know about this now, so that you can encourage your children to memorize the digits. It is fun to take a challenge, set a goal, and work hard to meet it. This is not a requirement, but the event is always more fun when many people are involved and invested.

FYI-----we will definitely have pie to top off all of the activities that day. More on that later, too. Those of you who are pie baking experts can get the creative juices flowing----and maybe bake a pie for that day.

Here are a few online resources to help the kiddos practice. There are so many more. I can't say that these are the best ones or that they don't have advertisements, it's just a few examples: <http://www.cow-pi.com/> <http://www.eveandersson.com/pi/pitrainer/>  
<https://www.math.hmc.edu/funfacts/ffiles/10001.2-8.shtml>

You'll be hearing from me again soon! By the way, did you know 3/14 was also Albert Einstein's birthday!?!

Sincerely,  
Mary Beth Homan