



# Morgan Hill Math

## Elementary School Programs FAQs

**Overview:** Morgan Hill Math provides two different classes for elementary students: Mathletics, for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders and MathCounts6, for 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Each class meets weekly for one hour after school, one day a week for eight weeks, starting in early October. Both classes focus on problem solving. For details about class content, go to [www.morganhillmath.org](http://www.morganhillmath.org).

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**Q:** Is there a charge for the tryout?

**A:** No, the tryout is free. We are pleased to announce that we have been able to raise enough money to cover our basic costs, so there will be no charge for the eight-week fall program. Donations, however, are welcome to help sustain our programs for the near future.

**Q:** How are participants selected?

**A:** On the day of the tryout, we will give students a quiz to assess their problem solving skills, passion for math and behavior. We'll invite the top students to join our fall program via e-mail in early June.

**Q:** Is there homework?

**A:** There is no homework. We do, however, have an "Extra for Experts" program, where kids can bring home a worksheet pertaining to the topic of the day. They can work on the problems by themselves, with a peer, or with a parent. Good efforts are rewarded with stickers; an accumulation of stickers can be turned in for small prizes.

**Q:** Any idea of where and when you might meet?

**A:** In the past, we have met at the Morgan Hill Gavilan Community College (corner of Dunne and Monterey) and we hope to continue doing so this fall. Mathletics will most likely meet after school on Tuesdays for one hour; MathCounts6 will most likely meet after school on Thursdays, also for one hour. Note that the day of the week and time cannot be confirmed until mid-September (we are at the mercy of the scheduler for Gavilan Community College).

**Q:** What type of learner do you think will enjoy Morgan Hill Math?

**A:** Morgan Hill Math will most likely appeal to those students who enjoy math, learning at a fast pace and solving problems. We play SET, Sudoku and sometimes work in groups, but much of the work is through direct instruction and paper and pencil work. We find that one of the huge benefits of the program is that the kids enjoy working with like-minded peers and learning from each other.

**Q:** Do you have any more specific guidelines about who might be successful at your program?

**A:** In general, those students who enjoy our program: 1) easily grasp new concepts 2) have math skills beyond their grade level 3) have an A in math and score at the top end of the "Advanced Proficient" range on the STAR CST (California Standardized Test).

**Q:** We missed the Spring tryout dates. Can my child still tryout for Mathletics/MathCounts6?

**A:** In general, no- we require all students to tryout in the spring. However, exceptions can be made for extenuating circumstances. Please contact Lori Mains at (408) 710-0643 to discuss.

**Q:** Are there any programs that do not require a tryout?

**A:** Yes, we have 3 other choices. Game Night is held monthly at the Community Center and is open and free to all families. In the spring of 2011, we will hold our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Math Mardi Gras day, another family centered math activity (please check back [www.mathmardigras.org](http://www.mathmardigras.org) as the date comes closer). Finally, all students in grades 4-6 are invited to compete in the Math Olympiad contest (see [www.moems.org](http://www.moems.org) for sample contests). The contests will be given at the Morgan Hill Community Center once a month, starting in November, most likely on a Wednesday night and will cost \$10 for the entire season (November-March).

**Q:** Who do I contact with questions?

**A:** Please contact Lori Mains, [mains@aimath.org](mailto:mains@aimath.org), (408) 710-0643 with questions.