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Two years ago the district office had a plan to improve math scores throughout the district. Last year, they brought in an interventionist and Ascend Math during the second quarter. Immediately, students responded positively to getting help and making math a part of their life. Last year, Sanders Elementary school's math scores increased 68 percent from previous year. This vision continues this year, Ascend Math recognized Sander Elementary achievements with inviting us into their Ascend Math Model School program. This program is a lot more than just putting students on a computer. We now have two math interventionists, Mr. Girard and Mr. Murdock to assist students in finding math relevant to their everyday lives. This year is already seeing another large gain in math scores as Sanders Elementary works on "confidence at grade level". It is not about scores, as it is about building a foundation that follows us through life.

I would like to thank all students who volunteer each day to assist in our snack program. We have a great school with many students helping younger students at lunch and other times.

I would like to ask parents to help us each day with math and reading. Many students still struggle with counting money. Please pull some change out and count money with them. Education starts at home and continues at school.