Dear Parents or Guardians:

Your student has been using the ST Math software program at Norwood Junior High. In ST Math, students play visual math games designed to teach math concepts. Thanks to the homework feature, selected games are also available at home or on any other computer with Internet access.

In addition to assigned games from your student’s teacher, he or she will always have access to the games already passed. Encourage your student to play those games from home to review concepts and practice skills he or she has learned in ST Math. Your student will access the program just as he or she does at school. Please make sure only the student with the ST Math account plays the games.

Your student is used to the ST Math method, which involves solving often complex puzzles. The games start at very simple levels, which gradually get more difficult. Students may get temporarily "stuck" at a level. This is normal, and the classroom teacher can monitor whether he or she is stuck for too long. When they reach a learning hurdle, they should try to reason their way to a solution. The software gives constant instructive feedback to show why any answer is right or wrong. Your student should use this visual feedback to help figure out how to successfully solve the problems. Students should not be given the ‘right’ answer just to pass a difficult level.

Instructions:
1. Enter stmath.com in the address line of your web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox or Safari are recommended).
2. Click on JiJi, the penguin.
3. Only if this is the first time logging in at home, you will be asked to enter the this homework activation code:

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4. Click “I agree.”
5. Click “Allow local data storage.”
6. Your student will then see the familiar screen with JiJi. He or she needs to click JiJi and enter the password exactly as in school. If there are no unplayed games visible, click the button at the bottom of the screen with the green cones to access games previously passed.
7. After playing, the student should always use the back-arrow button on the bottom-left of the screen (just like at school) to exit the program and ensure that progress is saved.

If you encounter technical difficulties, please contact your school or teacher for assistance. MIND Research Institute is not responsible for technical support of the home use component.