

## ATFS Newsletter February 2005

Feb 21<sup>st</sup> – Feb 25<sup>th</sup> (school vacation week) – ATFS will be open from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Semesters

February is the last month of this semester. All the work done by children until the end of the month will be included in the Rewards Program. Our next semester enrollment is now open. All Accelerated Learning Students and After School Program students are automatically re-enrolled for the next semester (as long as they participate in the summer camp as well). All Remote students will need to send re-enrollment forms, topic selection forms and semester fee by Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. Please note that due to delay from our side, we have relaxed the deadline from Feb 15<sup>th</sup> to Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. Since we will not be in a position to delay production of March workbooks, I will personally talk to all Remote Parents during the first week of February to decide topics etc. This will ensure timely mailings on Feb 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Significant Changes in the enrollment process:

- Topic Selection is much easier. You just need to **select the topic** (eg. FC0 – Fractions) and we will take care of the rest. Everything that your child needs to learn in that level will be included **regardless of the number of worksheets**. This is consistent with our goal of laying a good foundation for the topic. We believe number of worksheets must not be a limiting factor in learning.
- **Topics** will need to be **decided at the beginning of the semester** and **may not be modified during a semester**. Please include your child in this decision making process so they can set their own goals but also ensure that they feel challenged enough. As always, we are there to help.
- There will be **no registration fee** for re-enrolling students **in Math**.
- The 6 months payment plan is being eliminated. All semester students will need to **pay up front for the whole semester**.
- **Science, reading, spelling and vocabulary program are now available.**

### ATFS Curriculum

ATFS Math curriculum has been completely revised and published. Reading, Spelling, Vocabulary and Science Remote Programs have been defined as well. All this will be applicable with immediate effect. The Services catalogs

including all details have been printed and are being mailed to all remote students. Local students may pick up copies at the center.

Significant changes in the curriculum:

- Topics like Fractions and Graphing introduced as early as Level A.
- Topics like Decimals, Rounding introduced as early as Level 1.
- Introduction of Algebra and Geometry as early as Level 2
- More Algebra and Geometry in Level 3.
- High School Algebra and Geometry worksheets available for the first time remotely to our students in Level 4.
- Even more focus on level definitions and completeness of each topic.

**Math Bee 2005**

Just like last year, the Massachusetts chapter of North South foundation has contacted ATFS Learning center to be a sponsor for all Spelling Bee, Vocabulary Bee and Math bee and also be a Technical Coordinator for Math Bee. ATFS is proud to announce that we have agreed for both. We will be giving our support in money and time to the cause of Education once again this year. We encourage all ATFS students to participate in these contests being held in Cambridge on April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Please log onto [www.northsouth.org](http://www.northsouth.org) for more details.

**Summer Camp 2005**

Like last year, ATFS will be holding a summer camp from July 5<sup>th</sup> to August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005. This gets filled up fast and we have limited seats. If you are planning to join the camp, please fill out the form early on with a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 at this point. This will be credited towards the first payment of camp. If you need more information, please pick up a brochure at the center.

*Personal Note: I will be on vacation from Feb 16<sup>th</sup> to Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005. I finally decided to visit India. Everything will go on as is while I am gone. You can reach the office Monday to Friday (1:00 – 5:00p.m.) at 508 845 0140, if you need anything.*

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