



## **The School of St. Philip**

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Dear Kathleen,

We at the School of St. Philip are thrilled with our math standardized test scores this year. We have been using Right Start Math in our kindergarten and first grade for four years and the advances that our students have made are terrific.

This year the group profile for the first grade on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills showed Math concepts at 82% and Math computation at 81%. Although the other grades use Saxon, I believe that the solid start in developing a math sense with Right Start Math has given the students a firm foundation. This year our second grade group profile on the ITBS was 73% for math concepts and 97% for computation. The results for the third grade are just as excellent: 82% for math concepts and 75% for computation.

This year we have two children in kindergarten whose parents are teachers in other schools and they are very pleased with how much their children are learning with Right Start Math.

Ours is a small Catholic school with a great variety of students from many socio-economic levels. We offer tuition assistance so that all children can attend our school, and our free and reduced lunch rate is usually between 25 and 30%. I add this demographic information so that you can see that we are not a selective private school.

I believe that when Right Start Math is taught by teachers who believe in what it can accomplish and who teach it with enthusiasm, all children can learn math and can love the process of discovering the world of numbers. We are most grateful for your program.

I am retiring this year after 13 years as principal and I have already bought one of your math game sets to use with my grandsons. They are only 2 years old now, so I will give them another year or two.

Sincerely,  
Diana McCarney, principal