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# A.A.S.D. Elementary Schools

## NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND - PARENT NEWSLETTER

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## 2002 TO 2007

The month of January 2007 marked the fifth anniversary of the *No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)*.

"At its heart, [NCLB] was intended to help teachers help students reach their potential," says U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings.

### NCLB Historic Goal

Every child reading and doing math at grade level by the year 2014.

Your child's school is held accountable for its students achieving annual progress toward proficiency in reading and math based on Pennsylvania standards.

Performance is measured in grades 3 - 8 and once in high school by the state assessment (PSSA) that must be reported by income level, race and ethnicity, disability, and limited English proficiency.

The *No Child Left Behind Act* is due to be reauthorized by Congress to ensure that accountability measures that have led to academic gains continue to be a nationwide priority.

Since its enactment, test results have shown that the law is working.

Source: U.S. Department of Education, *The Achiever*, Jan. 2007

**EVERY STAKEHOLDER, FROM POLICYMAKER TO YOU, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT. AS YOUR CHILD'S FIRST TEACHER, YOU PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING.**

### TIPS FOR PARENTS

(Source: U.S. Department of Education, [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov))

### 2 Homework Tips for Math

- 1 Try to be aware of how your child is being taught math, and don't teach strategies and shortcuts that conflict with the approach the teacher is using.
- 2 Use household chores as opportunities for reinforcing math learning such as cooking and repair activities.

### Answer to Last Edition's MIND BENDER

Question - Remove one short line to make the following correct:  $5 + 5 + 1 = 546$

Answer - Remove the / from the 4 to make the sum:  $5 + 5 + 1 = 5 + 6$

**DID YOU GET IT?**

More fun? <http://nces.ed.gov/nceskids>

For additional information about NCLB, try the following websites: [nclb.gov](http://nclb.gov) or [www.pde.state.pa.us](http://www.pde.state.pa.us)