

ST Math Camps

Camp Celebration Guide



Creating a positive experience for students as they engage in learning math is essential, and celebrating their successes plays a vital role in achieving this goal. We recommend celebrating students throughout camp. We also encourage you to host a special celebration on the final day of Camp Journey and Camp Adventure. Camp Game Design has its own special day of celebration.

As you celebrate students each week, focus on the mathematical strengths they are demonstrating through their work on the program. Highlight these strengths: communication, mathematical thinking, understanding of concepts, perseverance, and agency.

Highlighting Brilliance

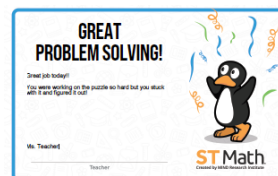
One of the goals of ST Math Camp is to help students build a positive math identity and instill confidence, joy, and wonder in their mathematical abilities. Highlight student brilliance by celebrating the essential skills students displayed throughout the program. Spotlight student assets you observed as they engaged in camp activities by giving them an encouraging note or a sticker.

Celebrating students' successes helps motivate learners to achieve more while continuing to develop a growth mindset. As students engage in ST Math Camp, they are not only building mathematical knowledge but also developing self-regulatory skills that are essential to success.

Encouraging Notes

Use our refillable **Celebration Notes** to motivate students and highlight student assets that were observed as they engaged in camp activities.

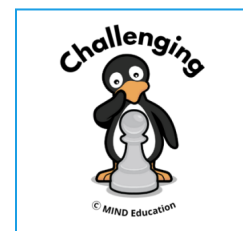
Examples of what to include on notes: *Great Mathematical Thinking! Way to Use Your Problem Solving Skills! Good Job Persevering! Great Use of Strategies! Way to Extend Your Thinking on _____ (concept)!*



For more information on celebrating students, visit our **Focus On: Celebrating** page.

Brilliance Stickers (Print on Avery or other compatible labels.)

Students can also be given **Brilliance Stickers** to spotlight some of the assets you have observed during ST Math Camp. Listen as students share their thoughts, ideas, and reflections, and give them stickers to celebrate their brilliance! Students can be given a set of stickers to hand out to their peers as well. There are instructions for easy printing of stickers.



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How to print Brilliance Stickers:

- Use Avery Label 22807 or something compatible with a 2" round label.
- Run a test print on blank copy paper to check the alignment of the printer.
 - Note: Label designs can be uploaded to the Avery website to adjust alignment and to print.
- Custom option to upload to Avery website or stickermule.com to have them print the labels.

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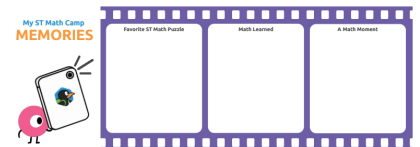
On the final day of the program, consider hosting an ST Math Camp Celebration. This provides a wonderful opportunity for students to reflect on how their thinking and understanding of mathematics have grown. It is also a great time to celebrate the improvements in their mathematical strengths as they have worked on the program. Highlight these strengths: communication, mathematical thinking, understanding of concepts, perseverance, and agency.

As part of the celebration, students reflect on what they have learned throughout the camp. Call attention to what they have learned, the problem-solving skills they have developed, how their mindsets have changed, and how they have grown in their mathematical knowledge.

Below are a few suggested activities to do as part of the celebration.

Camp Memories

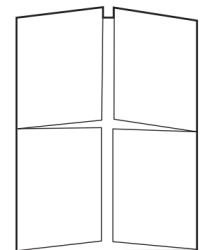
Create an ST Math Camp Memories bulletin board to display students' experiences. Have them write or draw a snapshot of their memories. You can make your own or use our [Camp Memories Template](#).



Perseverance Windows

Provide students with an 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper to make a [Four-Door Foldable](#). Then, have them get into groups and reflect on what they have learned.

- What did you like about ST Math Camp?
- What was your favorite thing you learned?
- What was your biggest challenge? How did you overcome it?
- What are some things you gained by participating in ST Math Camp?
- What advice do you have for students who struggle in math?
- What are some useful strategies for overcoming hurdles?
- What encouraging words would you like to share with others?



As students discuss together, have them write the responses, advice, and ideas of others that they want to remember.