Math in the Real World

In class we read “The Math Curse”, a story about a young boy who is “cursed” to find out that everything around him suddenly becomes a math problem.

Your first assignment for the school year is to imagine you have your own math curse. You are to find THREE examples from the real world and explain how math is used in day-to-day life.

Please find samples of real-life math: the samples could be newspaper or magazine articles, internet articles, advertisements, junk mail, coupons, boxtops, etc. You are to bring the samples to school to be turned in, along with a BRIEF summary explaining the math connection.

To receive full credit, students must bring in the three samples, along with a brief (1 to 2 sentences only) explanation of the math connection for EACH article or item.

Some ideas to get you started could include coupons, sports standings, baseball cards, recipes – you name it! If you’re still having difficulty just do an internet search on “math in the real world” and see what comes up.

Please remember to include the written summary with each sample. Our samples will be used to decorate our hallway bulletin board, so please be neat and take pride in your work.

Have Fun and Be Creative!!