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## **Cambridge Students Raise Money for St. Jude**

ORANGE, Calif., May 10, 2010—Cambridge Elementary School is pleased to announce that their students recently completed the Math-a-thon for St. Jude Children's Cancer Research Hospital and raised \$2,500. With parent permission, Students gathered pledges for the completion of a standards-based and grade level mathematics workbook. Last year, Cambridge students raised \$1,700.

Karen Merkow, Cambridge Elementary School principal, stated, "We were so pleased to be able to raise that much money in these difficult economic times. This was an opportunity for our students to offer support to those who are less fortunate in a fun and motivating way."

Mrs. Merkow kicked-off the Math-a-thon with an assembly aimed at showing the students that their contributions would go to a worthy cause. "These children have such a great attitude and are so positive. We need to support them and give back to our community," said Mrs. Merkow.

Top pledge earners will be recognized at an upcoming assembly at the school.

The Orange Unified School District is located at 1401 North Handy Street in Orange, CA