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Related Activities to Try at Home

Dear Family,

The activities suggested below are related to the mathematics we are currently working on in school. Doing them together can enrich your child’s mathematical learning.

Coins In class, we are learning about coins and their values. At home, your child can examine coins and talk with someone about what they notice. Ask them questions such as, “What is this coin called?”, “Can you find a quarter?”, and “How much is each coin worth in pennies?” You can also discuss questions such as: “Here are two dimes. How much is this worth? ... Can you find another way to make 20¢?” or “Let’s trade coins. I’ll give you 2 nickels for 1 dime.”

Pockets at Home In school, we count the number of pockets that people have on their clothes in several different ways. At home, your child can find how many pockets people in your family are wearing—individually and altogether. Your child may be interested in comparing the number of pockets on different days (on school days and on weekends) or at different times of the day (school/work clothes, play clothes, pajamas . . .).

Counting by Groups Look for opportunities to practice counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s. Count together and see how high you can go. Think about situations that involve equal groups. Pose questions such as these:

“If you have 8 pairs of socks, how many socks do you have? If there are 5 people sitting on a bench, how many toes will there be?”



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Math and Literature Here are some children's books that contain ideas related to our work in this mathematics unit. You can find them in your local public library and read and discuss them together. See what mathematical concepts your child discovers.

Cribb, Joe. *Money*.

Glass, Julie. *A Dollar for Penny*.

Jenkins, Steve. *Just a Second*.

Murphy, Stuart J. *Game Time!*

Viorst, Judith. *Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday*.

Walton, Rick. *Bunny Day: Telling Time from Breakfast to Bedtime*.

Wells, Rosemary. *Bunny Money*.

Williams, Rozanne Lanczak. *The Coin Counting Book*.

