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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.

Addition and Subtraction Facts Your child has been practicing sets of addition and subtraction facts by playing games such as *Close to 20*, where the object is to select 3 cards that total as close to 20 as possible. They have also been reviewing facts using their sets of Fact Cards and sorting the cards into “Facts I Know” and “Facts I Am Still Working On.” Occasionally your child may bring home 4–6 chosen facts they are still working on to practice and review.

Making One Dollar In class, we are learning about coin values and equivalencies of one dollar. Examine coins and ask your child to tell you about each coin. Discuss how much one dollar is worth in pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters. Talk about equivalencies:

“Here are 4 quarters. How much is this worth? Can you find another way to make \$1.00?” “I have 7 dimes. How much more do I need to have \$1.00?”

Skip Counting In school, we are practicing skip counting by 5s and 10s. Look for opportunities to practice skip counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s. Count together and see how high you can go. You can help your child see everyday examples of this skill by counting items such as shoes, fingers, or feet. Pose questions about situations that involve equal groups. For example: “I just took the bus with 15 other people. Can you tell me how many shoes were on the bus?” “When we are with the whole family, how many fingers are there?”



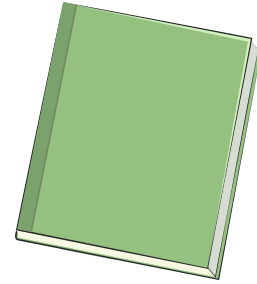
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Math and Literature Here are some children's books that contain ideas related to our work in this mathematics unit. Look for them in your local public library and read them together.



Hulme, Joy N. *Sea Sums*.

Jenkins, Emily. *Lemonade in Winter: A Book About Two Kids Counting Money*.

Neuschwander, Cindy. *Sir Cumference and All the King's Tens: A Math Adventure*.

Richards, Kitty. *It's About Time, Max! Math Matters Series*.

Wiesner, David. *Tuesday*.

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

Thank you for your continued interest and support.