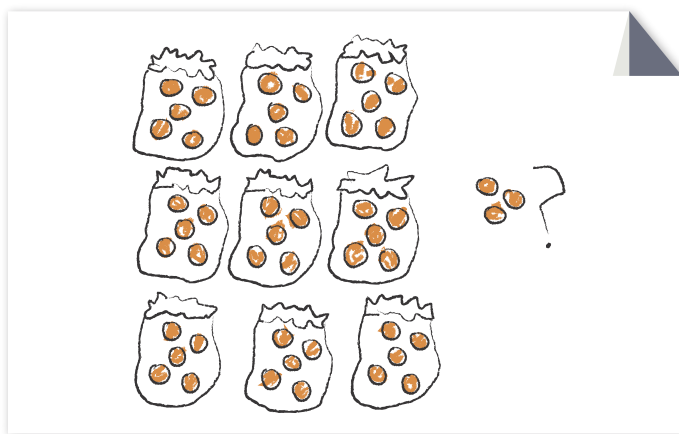


Dear Family,

The activities described here are related to the mathematics in Unit 3. Use the activities to enrich your child's learning experience.

Modeling Division Situations At school, students are solving word problems that represent various types of division situations. Encourage your child to help you solve situations that come up in your daily activities. Here are some examples: "I baked a batch of 48 cookies for the bake sale. I need to put them into bags of 5. How many bags of 5 can I make? What can I do with the extra cookies?" "There are 180 players who will play baseball in teams of 9. How many teams can they make?"



How Did You Solve That? Ask your child to tell you about how he or she is multiplying and dividing. Show that you are interested in these approaches. Because these strategies may be unfamiliar to you, listen carefully to your child's explanation; you might even try to do a problem or two using the new procedure. Let your child be the teacher!