Unit 5 Family Letter



Dear Family,

In this Unit, Numbers and Number Patterns, your child will find factor pairs of whole numbers, identify numbers as prime or composite, and understand multiples of a number. He or she will also identify the rule of a pattern, generate new patterns and analyze pattern features.

STEM Career Kid for this Unit

Hi, I'm Haley.

I want to be an astronomer. I will use math in my job when I determine the pattern in the phases of the moon. I'll show students how I will use the math of this unit in my work.

What math terms will your child use?

Term	Student Understanding
Factor pair	a set of two factors that are multiplied together to get a product
Prime number	a whole number with exactly two factors, 1 and itself
Composite number	a whole number that has more than 1 factor pair
Sequence	shapes or numbers that follow a repeated pattern
Pattern rule	the rule tells us how to find the next term in the sequence



What can your child do at home?

You can help your child practice finding factor pairs of a number. Use two playing cards to create a two digit number and then have your child list all of the factor pairs of that number.

Finding the Factors of a Number

Your child will learn that he or she can use arrays or factor pairs to find the factors of a number. Your child will also learn that a composite number is a whole number that has more than two factors and a prime number is a whole number that has exactly two factors, 1 and itself.

Example:

The factor pair of 17 is 1 and 17. 17 is a prime number.

The factor pairs of 28 are 1 and 28, 2 and 14, and 4 and 7. 28 is a composite number.

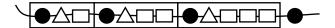
Finding the Multiples of a Number

Your child will learn that a multiple of a number is the product of that number and any whole number. For example, some multiples of 4 are 4, 8, 12, 16, and 20. Your child will also learn that he or she can make equal groups, make a table, or use an equation to find the multiples of a number.

Generate a Pattern

Your child will use a given rule to repeat a pattern or grow a pattern.

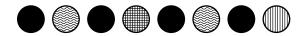
Example:



Analyze a Pattern

Your child will analyze a pattern to find features that are not stated in the pattern rule.

Example:



One feature not stated in the rule is that every other circle has a pattern. Another feature is that all odd numbered circles are solid.