



Family Letter for Unit 3

Dear Family,

During the next few weeks, our math class will be learning about geometry and fractions. We will sort and classify shapes in many different ways.

As we learn about equal parts and graphing, you may wish to use the following as a guide.

Vocabulary

side The straight part of a shape.

corner The point where sides meet.

fraction A part of a whole.

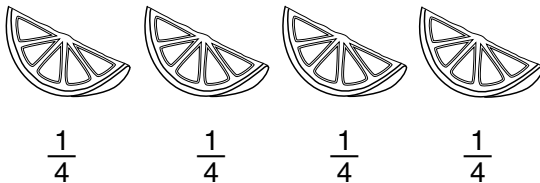
equal parts The parts that are the same size.

symmetry If a figure can be folded in half and the two parts match, it has symmetry.

Equal Parts and Fractions

If an orange is divided into 4 equal parts, each part is $\frac{1}{4}$ (one fourth) of the whole orange.

One fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) is a fraction of the whole orange.



During this unit, children should practice identifying basic shapes such as circles, squares, and rectangles. You might play a game and have your child find a certain shape in a room.

Sincerely,

Your Child's Teacher



Technology

Check out *Education Place* at eduplace.com/maf for the Math Lingo game, e•Glossary, and more games and activities to do together.