

# Math at Home

Dear Family,

My class is starting Unit 2, **Addition and Subtraction Concepts**. I will learn that addition is used to join groups to find how many in all, and subtraction is used when taking away to find how many are left. You can help me learn these vocabulary words, and we can do the Math Activity together.

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## Vocabulary

**sum** How many in all.

**addition sentence** A number sentence used to find the sum.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & \downarrow & & & \uparrow & & \\ 3 & + & 1 & = & 4 & \leftarrow & \text{sum} \\ & & & & \text{equal sign} & & \end{array}$$

**difference** How many are left.

**subtraction sentence** A number sentence used to find the difference.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & \downarrow & & & \uparrow & & \\ 5 & - & 2 & = & 3 & & \\ & & & & \text{equal sign} & & \end{array}$$



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## Family Math Activity

Create addition and subtraction stories up to 8. For example, there are 2 red apples and 2 green apples. How many apples in all? There are 3 bananas. I eat 1. How many bananas are left?



## Literature

These books link to the math in this unit. Look for them at the library.

- **Adding Arctic Animals**  
by David Bauer  
(Capstone Press, 2004)
- **Dealing with Addition**  
by Lynette Long, Ph. D.
- **One for Me, One for You**  
by C.C. Cameron

