

Dear Family,

During the next few weeks, our math class will be learning about addition and subtraction.

You can expect to see work that provides practice with different strategies for adding and subtracting numbers with up to three digits.

As we learn to subtract across zeros, you may wish to use the following as a guide.

Vocabulary

sum The result of addition.

regroup Exchanging equal amounts when renaming a number.

difference The result of subtraction.

estimate A number close to an exact amount; to find about how many.

Subtracting Across Zeros

Since there are no ones or tens to subtract from, you have to regroup 5 hundreds as 4 hundreds 10 tens.

$$\begin{array}{r} 500 \\ - 132 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Then you can regroup the 10 tens as 9 tens 10 ones.

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \overset{9}{\cancel{10}} 10 \\ 500 \\ - 132 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Finally, you can subtract ones, tens, and hundreds.

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \overset{9}{\cancel{10}} 10 \\ 500 \\ - 132 \\ \hline 368 \end{array}$$

During this unit, students should practice and memorize basic addition and subtraction facts. This will help them do calculations with greater numbers.

Sincerely,

Your Child's Teacher



Visit www.eduplace.com/txmap/ for eGlossary, eGames, test-taking tips, and more.