

# Math at Home Family Letter for Unit 9

Dear Family,

During the next few weeks, our math class will be learning about customary and metric units of measure.

You can expect to see work that provides practice in measuring length, capacity, and weight in customary units, as well as measuring length, capacity, and mass in metric units.

As we learn to estimate measurements and choose units of measurements, you may wish to keep the following benchmarks in mind.

## Vocabulary

**capacity** The amount a container can hold.

**length** The measure of how long something is.

**weight** The measure of how heavy something is.

**mass** A measurement of the amount of matter in an object. It is often measured using grams or kilograms.

## Measurement Benchmarks

A jug of milk holds 1 gallon.



A juice box holds about a cup of juice.



A loaf of bread weighs about a pound.



An apple weighs about an ounce.



The tip of your finger is about 1 centimeter wide.



A door is about 1 meter wide.



Knowing about measurement benchmarks will help students estimate and use weight, mass, capacity and length in everyday life.

Sincerely,

Your Child's Teacher



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