



# Family Letter for Unit 1

Dear Family,

During the next few weeks, our math class will be learning about place value. We will be learning how to read and write numbers up to 999,999, including money amounts.

We will also be comparing, ordering, and rounding these numbers. As we learn how to compare and order greater numbers, you may wish to use the following sample as a guide.

**Vocabulary**

**expanded form** A way to write a number that shows the value of each digit.

**standard form** A way to write a number using only digits.

**word form** The form of a number that is written using words.

### Order Three 4-Digit Numbers

To order 5,925, 5,784, and 5,200 from least to greatest, write the numbers one above the other in a place-value chart.

1. Compare the thousands digits. Since all the digits are 5, look at the hundreds digits.

2. Compare the hundreds digits.

- Since 2 hundreds is less than 7 hundreds,  $5,200 < 5,784$ .
- Since 7 hundreds is less than 9 hundreds,  $5,784 < 5,925$ .

Thousands	Hundreds	Tens	Ones
5	9	2	5
5	7	8	4
5	2	0	0

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 $2 < 7$ , so  $5,200 < 5,784$

$7 < 9$ , so  $5,784 < 5,925$

Knowing about place value can help students understand numbers through 999,999 and use them to solve problems.

Sincerely,

Your Child's Teacher



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