



Family Letter for Unit 4

Dear Family,

During the next few weeks, our math class will be learning about and practicing division of whole numbers.

You can expect to see work that provides practice with dividing numbers with up to four digits by one- and two-digit numbers.

As we use division to learn about prime and composite numbers, you may wish to use this sample as a guide.

Vocabulary

prime number A whole number that has only itself and 1 as factors.

composite number A whole number that has more than two factors.

divisible One number is divisible by another if the quotient is a whole number and the remainder is 0.

average The number found by dividing the sum of a set of numbers by the number of addends.

Prime and Composite Numbers

You can use the factors of a number to tell if the number is prime or composite.

Examples of Prime Numbers		Examples of Composite Numbers	
Prime Number	Factors	Composite Number	Factors
2	1 and 2	4	1, 2, and 4
5	1 and 5	10	1, 2, 5, and 10
13	1 and 13	12	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 12
Notice that each number has exactly two factors.		Notice that each number has more than two factors.	

The number 2 is the only prime even number.
The number 1 is neither prime nor composite.

During this unit, students should continue to practice and memorize basic multiplication and division facts.

Sincerely,

Your Child's Teacher



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