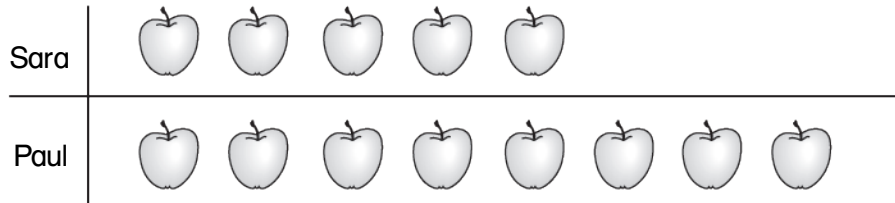


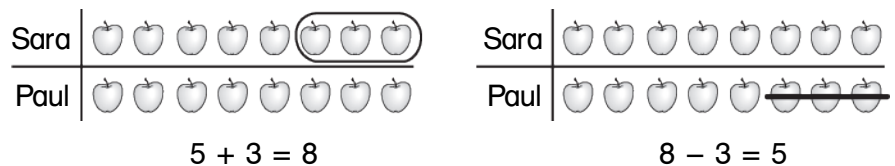


## Dear Family:

In the current math unit, your child is learning to compare data. To begin, children read and construct picture graphs that contain only two rows of symbols, and they learn to make comparative statements. For the graph below, they make statements such as *Paul has 3 more apples than Sara*, and *Sara has 3 fewer apples than Paul*.



Children learn that they can make the quantities on the graph equal if they add to one group or subtract from the other. They use equations to show their method.



Then children begin working with picture graphs that contain three or four rows of symbols. When children are asked to compare only two quantities out of three or four, they must select necessary information and disregard information that is unnecessary. Finally, children record and compare quantities using tables.

As your child does the homework, ask him or her to tell you about the picture graphs and tables.

Sincerely,  
Your child's teacher