



Dear Family:

Ask your child about our pretend grocery store at school! Children will be using the groceries from this pretend store to create addition and subtraction story problems, such as the following:

There are 3 bananas in this bunch and 4 bananas in the other bunch. How many bananas are there in all?

You and your child can create similar story problems with groceries in your own kitchen. When doing so, you may need to help your child say the question at the end of the story problem. Addition problems often ask how many in all. Subtraction problems often ask how many are left.

Addition example:

There are 5 cans on the top shelf. There are 4 cans on the bottom shelf. How many cans are there in all?

Subtraction example:

There are 10 eggs in the carton. If we cook 3 eggs, how many eggs are left in the carton?

It is not necessary to solve all of the story problems. Learning to visualize the situation and state the story problem are both important tasks, even without solving.

Have fun!

**Sincerely,
Your child's teacher**