Bridges in Mathematics Grade 3 Unit 1

Addition & Subtraction Patterns

In this unit your child will:

- Use efficient math strategies to build fluency with basic addition and subtraction facts
- Determine whether two expressions are equal



- Write equations to represent one step story problems
- Use strategies based on place value, properties of operations, or the relationship between addition and subtraction to fluently add and subtract within 100

Your child will learn and practice these skills by solving problems like those shown below. Keep this sheet for reference when you're helping with homework. Use the free Math Vocabulary Cards app for additional support: mathlearningcenter.org/apps





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT UNIT 1

Q: Why do some of these activities look like what my child did in second grade?

A: This unit reviews mathematical concepts while introducing and establishing routines that will be used in third grade. Teachers assess students' skill level and plan future lessons based on this review. When students build addition and subtraction facts on the number rack and generalize their understanding of number relationships to problem solving situations with larger numbers, this contributes to their ability to compute fluently.

Q: How can I help my child and make homework a successful experience?

A: Take time to ask her to explain the assignment to you. If she can describe the task clearly and confidently, she can probably complete the assignment independently. Your child has used several models and strategies to solve problems. Encourage her to use ways that make sense to her. Then, review the completed assignment and ask your child to explain her thinking about some of the problems.