



Dear Parents,

Over the next several weeks, we will be learning about **subtraction** in math! The information below will help you to support your child as they learn these exciting, yet important first grade math skills.

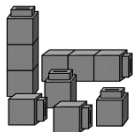
**The GOAL:**

By the end of the unit, your child should **understand the concept of subtraction** and be able to solve subtraction problems.

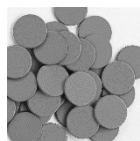
**Help your child represent subtraction:**

You can use a variety of tools to help practice subtraction.

Connecting Cubes



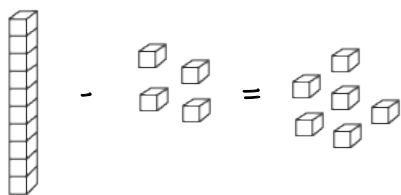
Counters



Pictures

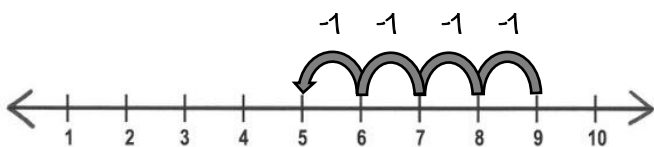


Base Ten Blocks



$$10 - 4 = 6$$

Counting Back



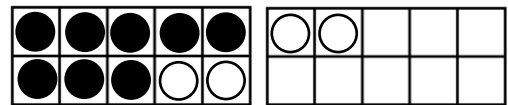
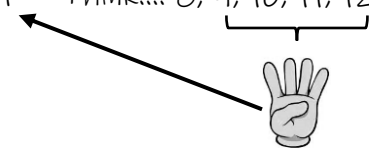
$$9 - 4 = 5$$

**Help your child learn how to subtract:**

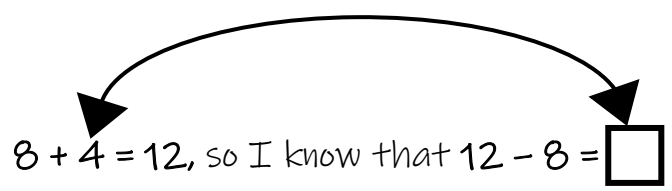
Using 10 to subtract:

This is the same as counting up:

$$12 - 8 = 4 \quad \text{Think.... } 8, 9, 10, 11, 12$$



Use addition to subtract:



$$8 + 4 = 12, \text{ so I know that } 12 - 8 = \square$$

Central Dauphin School District  
Grade 1 Math: Unit 2 Parent Letter  
Subtraction



Grade 1 Math: PA Core Math Standards in Unit 2

**CC.2.2.1.A.1:** Represent and solve problems involving addition and subtraction within 20.

**CC.2.2.1.A.2:** Understand and apply properties of operations and their relationship between addition and subtraction.

**CC.2.1.1.B.3:** Use place-value concepts and properties of operations to add and subtract within 100.

-- HOW TO HELP AT HOME --

- If you are at the store, count different quantities and determine which is more or less.
- Help your child look through magazines, old books, or newspapers for numbers and cut them out. Work together to create a word problem using some of the numbers and glue the numbers in place. Use one of the above subtraction strategies to solve the problem.
- When going for a walk, drive, or playing at home, pose simple subtraction problems or stories for your child to solve.
- Use dice to practice subtraction facts.
- Use objects, toys, items, etc., to practice subtraction at home.
- Use subtraction problems when eating snacks (example: you have 10 carrots, you eat 5, how many do you have left?)

-- KEY MATH VOCABULARY --

**Difference:** the answer to a subtraction problem

**Subtract:** take away (a number or amount) from another to find the difference