



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 about this exciting, yet important kindergarten math skill.

The GOAL:

By the end of the unit, your child should be able to **define subtraction** and to **solve a variety of subtraction problems**.

What is subtraction?

Subtraction is the process of **taking away** a quantity to find out how much is left.

Symbols used in subtraction:



Number Sentences:

We solve number sentences with our fingers, with objects, or by drawing pictures!

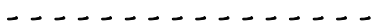
$$5 - 3 = 2$$

$$10 - 6 = 4$$

Using pictures to subtract:

We can solve by crossing out or taking away.

$$4 - 2 = 2$$



$$7 - 3 = 4$$



Word/Story Problems:

We can solve subtraction word problems with our fingers, objects, OR by drawing a picture.

Below are a few examples of word problems that your child will see.

"I had 9 balloons, but 3 popped. How many do I have left?"

"I had 8 pieces of chocolate candy. My friend ate 2 pieces. How many pieces of candy do I have left?"

Quick Check

Check to see if your child can solve the problems below:

$$8 - 1 = \underline{\quad} \quad 6 - 5 = \underline{\quad} \quad 7 - 0 = \underline{\quad}$$



There were 6 cupcakes. My dog ate 2. How many cupcakes are there now?

I had 8 superballs. 3 got lost as they bounced away. How many superballs do I have now?

I blew 9 bubbles and then 5 popped. How many bubbles are still floating?

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Grade K Math: PA Core Math Standards in Unit 6

CC.2.2.K.A.1: Extend the concepts of putting together and taking apart to add and subtract within 10.

-- HOW TO HELP AT HOME --

- Have your child practice subtraction by taking away from a group of objects (snack time is perfect for this!)
- Tell stories about taking apart sets (e.g. I had 8 carrots. I ate 4 of them. How many carrots do I have now?)
- Let your child create their own subtraction problems with different objects or toys at home.
- Make up word or story problems for your child and help them draw or use objects to solve the problem.
- Write number sentences ($7 - 4 = \underline{\quad}$) and let your child solve them.

-- KEY MATH VOCABULARY --

Difference: the answer to a subtraction problem

Equal: the same amount or value

Minus: the symbol used to show subtraction

Subtraction: When you find the part that is left after you take a number or quantity away.