



Mrs. Carman's Math News

October 1, 2009

Where We've Been

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In class, we have been working on our addition facts. In order for us to practice our accuracy and speed in memorizing our facts, the children have been practicing "mad minutes." They are given one minute to complete as many addition facts as they can. They get very excited when they beat their old score.

We have also been working on Problem of the Day. Each day, we solve a word problem by:

- Understanding the question
- Planning a strategy
- Solving the problem
- Checking if my answer makes sense

We have also been hard at work with place value. We learned that there are three different ways to write a number. Ask your child what the three "forms" are (standard, expanded and word form). We have been rounding numbers and the children are really getting the hang of it.

I look forward to a great year in 3rd grade!

Helpful Hints

Please practice addition and subtraction facts with your child. You can make flashcards, roll dice or add two cards together.

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Please contact me at anytime.

Where We're Going

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Problem Solving – We will continue to improve problem solving skills.

Money – We will identify coins and bills and find their value. We will also learn how to add money.

Addition – We will be learning how to regroup two, three, and four-digit numbers when adding.

Subtraction – We will be learning how to regroup two, three, and four-digit numbers when subtracting.

Calendars – We will identify days, dates and years on a calendar. We will also practice finding future dates.



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