

School Logo

Dear parents,

This week, we took a break from subtraction and reviewed evens and odds. Your child completed several fun activities to review evens and odds by using the abacus and completing a fun worksheet.

Your child explored books and learned how they include page numbers, the patterns of page numbers, and where to find them. We also looked at the copyright dates in books and discussed how to correctly say the name of a year, which is different from saying a quantity. For example, the number 1989 is spoken as “One thousand nine hundred eighty-nine.” However, as a year, it is spoken as “Nineteen hundred eighty-nine.”

We also spent a day working on comparisons and learned about greater than and less than symbols. Your child learned how to write and apply greater than and less than ideas.

Finally, your child learned about area. Area is a fundamental concept of mathematics that can be explored, even in early elementary years. We used tangrams to explore how different shapes can be combined to fill the area of another shape. Your child learned about shapes being congruent and not congruent (equal and not equal), which tied in nicely to what they have been learning in arithmetic.

Fun activities at home:

- Ask your child to tell you a few even numbers and a few odd numbers
- Have your child find the page numbers and the copyright date of their favorite book. Have them read the year to you.
- Ask your child to compare two quantities or two basic math facts and determine which is greater than or less than
(Suggestions: 15 and 51, 234 and 324, $8 + 3$ and $10 + 2$)
- Using tangrams, have your child fill in the larger pieces with smaller pieces and ask if they are congruent

You can print and cut out tangram shapes from this file:

<https://rightstartmath.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/RightStart-Math-Set-Super-Saver-2020.pdf>

Games we played/to play at home:

- Zero Corners game (S9)
- Harder Difference War (S13)

Next week, your child will learn about fractions and measurements.

Have a wonderful day!

Teacher Signature