

## Family Newsletter

Dear Parent/Caregiver:

Over the next three weeks, your child will be learning about addition and subtraction of greater numbers. The goal will be for your child to estimate sums and differences, add and subtract 2-digit and 3-digit numbers, explain how to solve addition and subtraction problems, and add and subtract with money. A focus will be identifying the most appropriate strategy in a given situation. Your child will use base ten blocks, pencil and paper, mental math, play money, and calculators to develop proficiency in adding and subtracting.

Throughout this time, you and your child can practise some At-Home activities, such as the following:

- Your child can estimate the total amount in 2 or 3 items (e.g., drinks) that come in quantities of 3-digit numbers (e.g., 225 mL).
- Your child can compare the number of items in packages containing different numbers of items (e.g., a box of 24 crackers and a box of 60).
- In planning a trip, your child can look at a map and determine partial distances; estimate, then add, to find the total distance; and subtract to compare distances.
- In shopping for 2 or 3 items, your child can estimate the combined cost, and then calculate the amount of change.

You may also want to visit the Nelson Web site at [www.mathk8.nelson.com](http://www.mathk8.nelson.com) for more suggestions to help your child learn mathematics and develop a positive attitude toward learning mathematics, and for books that relate children's literature to addition and subtraction of greater numbers. Also check the Web site for links to other Web sites that provide online tutorials, math problems, and brainteasers.

If your child is using *Nelson Mathematics 3 Workbook*, pages 46 to 56 belong to Chapter 6. There is one page of practice for each lesson and a Test Yourself page at the end. If your child requires assistance, you can refer to the At-Home Help section on each Workbook page.