

Dear Kindergarten Families,

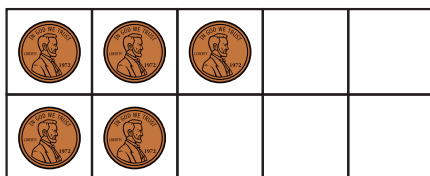
Welcome back to school!

This year we are using Bridges in Mathematics, a K–5 math program that will help us meet the new standards and make math meaningful and exciting. In kindergarten, students focus on whole numbers and shapes. Throughout the year they:



- Count and compare numbers to 100, with a special focus on numbers to 20
- Think about joining and separating situations as addition and subtraction
- Sort, compare, and draw shapes
- Combine shapes to make other shapes and complete puzzles

Bridges uses visual models to make the mathematics accessible to all learners. One way that children approach math is through pictures. For example, your child might look at the picture below and answer questions like, “What did you notice about this picture? Where do you see the numbers in the picture? How can you use the picture to help solve the problem?”



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When you talk with your child about their math work, it might sometimes seem unfamiliar or different than you remember. But there are still many ways you can help them explore math! By being open to learning and talking with your child, you can help your child develop strong skills and a love of math.

Get more information and ideas about how to help your child at www.mathlearningcenter.org/families.