

Numbers Are Everywhere



Family Note Your child will bring home assignments called “Home Links.” The assignments will not take much time to complete, but most of them involve interaction with an adult or an older child.

There are good reasons for including Home Links in the first-grade program:

- ◆ The assignments encourage children to take initiative and responsibility. As you respond with encouragement and assistance, you help your child build independence and self-confidence.
- ◆ Home Links reinforce newly learned skills and concepts. They provide thinking and practice time at each child’s own pace.
- ◆ These assignments relate the mathematics your child is learning to the real world, which is very important in the *Everyday Mathematics* program.
- ◆ Home Links will give you a better idea of what mathematics your child is learning.

Listen and respond to your child’s comments about mathematics. Point out ways in which you use numbers (time, TV channels, page numbers, telephone numbers, bus routes, shopping lists, and so on). *Everyday Mathematics* supports the belief that children who have someone do math with them, learn math. Fun counting and thinking games that you and your child play together are very helpful for such learning.

For this first Home Link, your child might look for a newspaper ad for grocery items, a calendar page, or a picture of a clock. The purpose of this activity is to expand your child’s awareness of numbers in the world.

Please return this Home Link to school tomorrow.

Cut examples of numbers from scrap papers you find at home.

Glue some examples on the back of this page.

Bring examples that will not fit on this page to school.

Do not bring anything valuable!