

Parents as Partners

MATH AT HOME



CHAPTER 1

Math is fun and interactive

Math isn't what it used to be. It is taught differently.
To support your child at home, it's important to understand why and how.



Math class may bring back memories of working independently on math worksheets, memorizing and calculating. There was more focus on trying to follow the procedures being taught.

Today, math class is more fun and much more interactive.

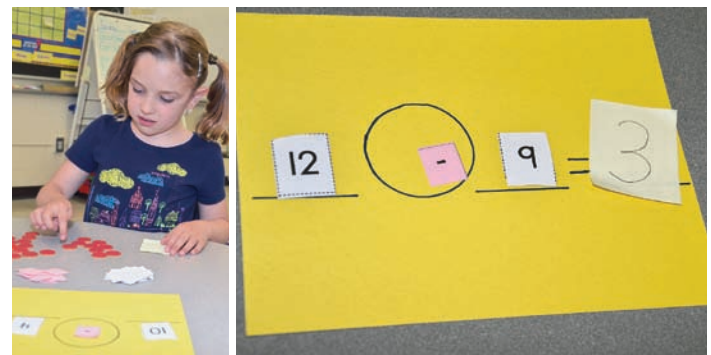
Children are engaged in meaningful mathematical tasks, often connected to real life situations.

There is a greater focus on developing an understanding of math concepts, and then developing proficiency with strategies and procedures to solve mathematical problems.

In math class, your child is encouraged to develop his/her own problem-solving strategies. This often involves using concrete materials or drawing pictures to represent the concepts being presented.

Getting the correct answer is still important.

However, with a focus on thinking, your child is gaining a deeper understanding of how to solve math problems, strategies he/she will retain for years to come.



Each month, you will receive a Parents as Partners - Math at Home tip sheet.

These tip sheets will give you information to make math fun and engaging.