

## Month 5 Letter Home

Dear Family Member:

This month's activities and games will help your child learn about number patterns (1 more, 1 less, 2 more, 2 less), write number sentences, find ways to compose and decompose numbers up to 10, represent, group, and count 100 items, and recite and write the numbers from 1 to 100. Students will also celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school and participate in activities that will help them learn more about the number 100.



3 apples



2 more is 5

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You can help your child by providing mathematics opportunities at home.

- **Part-Whole Stories.** Draw a picture of a table and gather 5 to 10 objects (coins, buttons, cereal). Invent story problems for your child to solve by placing some objects on the table and some off the table. Ask:
  - How many are on the table?
  - How many are off the table?
  - How many are there all together?
- **Make More and Make Less.** Use up to 20 objects such as cereal, pennies, or buttons to represent numbers that are 1 more, 1 less, 2 more, and 2 less. For example, place 18 pennies on the table. Ask how many pennies are on the table. Make a number that is 2 more. What is the number? Or, make a number that is 2 less. What is the number?
- **Find the Combinations.** Use 2 different objects (beans, cereal, candy, coins). Find different ways to represent numbers from 2 to 10. For example, use 2 kinds of beans to represent 3:

 $3 + 0$

 $2 + 1$

 $1 + 2$

 $0 + 3$

Combinations for 3 beans

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Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or comments.

Sincerely,