## First Grade Mathematics Newsletter

Marking Period 2, Part 1

| MT | Learning Goals by Measurement Topic (MT) <br> Students will be able to ... |
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|  | - describe a 2-digit number as representing the amount of tens and ones. <br> - compose (put together) and decompose (take apart) a 2-digit number into different groupings of tens and ones. |
|  | - explain the meaning of the equal sign (=). <br> - use counting strategies to add and subtract. <br> - add and subtract within 20 using multiple strategies. <br> - add and subtract within 20 to solve word problems by using objects, drawings, and equations. <br> The unknown (missing number) in the problem below is 6 . The <br> The equal sign means that the quantity on the left number 6 makes the value on both is the same as the quantity on the right. sides of the equal sign the same. Understanding the meaning of the equal sign serves as a foundation for early algebraic thinking. |


| Thinking and Academic Success Skills (TASS) |  |  |
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|  | It is . . | In mathematics, students will . . . |

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## Learning Experiences by Measurement Topic (MT)

| MT | In school, your child will . . . |
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- represent word problems with equations and solve them using a variety of problem-solving strategies.


## Sample Word Problems:

1. Two bunnies sat on the grass. Three more bunnies hopped there. How many bunnies are on the grass now? Equation: $\square=2$ + 3
2. Five apples were on the table. I ate two apples. How many apples are on the table now? Equation: 5-2 = $\square$

## At home, your child can . .

- go on a number search for 2-digit numbers (ages of family members, street signs, mail, recipes, newspapers, television channels, etc.) and describe the value of the digits.
- play a game! Think of a mystery 2-digit number. Have your child ask yes/no questions about the mystery number such as, "Is it greater/less than $\qquad$ ?" and "Is the digit in the tens place greater than the digit in the ones place?"
- play an online game practice place value:
http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/starship/maths/placethepenguin.shtml
- play a game! Put the numbers 1-9 in a bag. Have your child choose two numbers from the bag to create and solve equations with unknowns in all positions.

| If 5 and 8 are chosen, the following equations <br> could be written and solved: |  |
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| $\square=5+8$ | $8-5=\square$ |
| $5+8=\square$ | $\square=8-5$ |
| $\square+5=8$ | $\square-5=8$ |
| $5+\square=8$ | $8-\square=5$ |

- create a song, rap, or poem using the doubles facts $(0+0=0,1+1=2,2$ $+2=4,3+3=6$, etc.).
- take an intellectual risk by creating and solving original word problems.
- use a online resources to practice solving addition (website 1) and subtraction (website 2 ) word problems:
http://www.ixl.com/math/grade-1/addition-word-problems-sums-to-18 http://www.ixl.com/math/grade-1/subtraction-word-problems-one-digit-numbers

