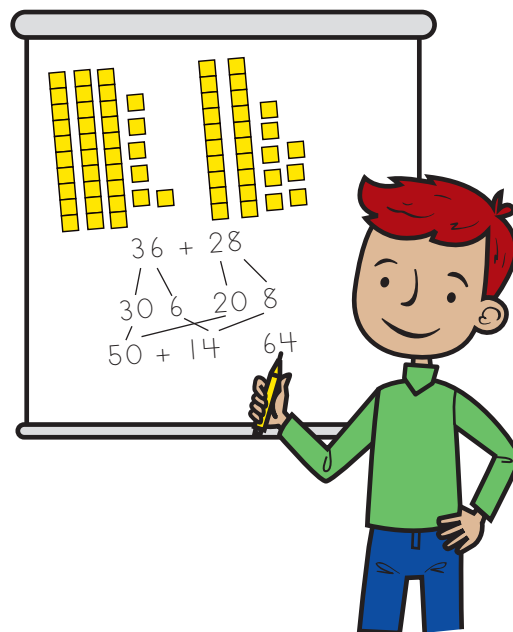


Dear Third Grade Families,

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 third grade, students focus on multiplication, fractions, and area. Throughout the year they:

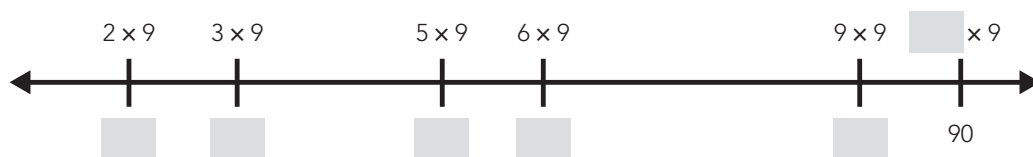
- Multiply numbers from 0 to 10 with fluency
- Multiply with numbers greater than 10
- Add and subtract with numbers to 1,000
- Work with unit fractions (fractions with a 1 in the numerator like $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{6}$) and add and subtract fractions
- Explore division



When you are helping your child, the math might sometimes seem unfamiliar or different than you remember, but there are many ways you can help!

- Invite your child to talk about the math by asking questions like, “Did you do a problem like this at school? How did you think about it?”
- Focus on the pictures. Bridges uses visual models to make the mathematics accessible to all learners. Talking about the pictures is a great way to get started. Ask questions like, “Can we draw a picture of this problem? Now how can we use the picture to solve the problem?”

Complete the Number Line Puzzle below.



- Get more information and ideas about how to help your child by visiting this website for families: www.mathlearningcenter.org/families

By being open to learning and talking with your child, you can help your child develop strong skills and a love of math.