

Dear Third Grade  
Families & Caregivers,

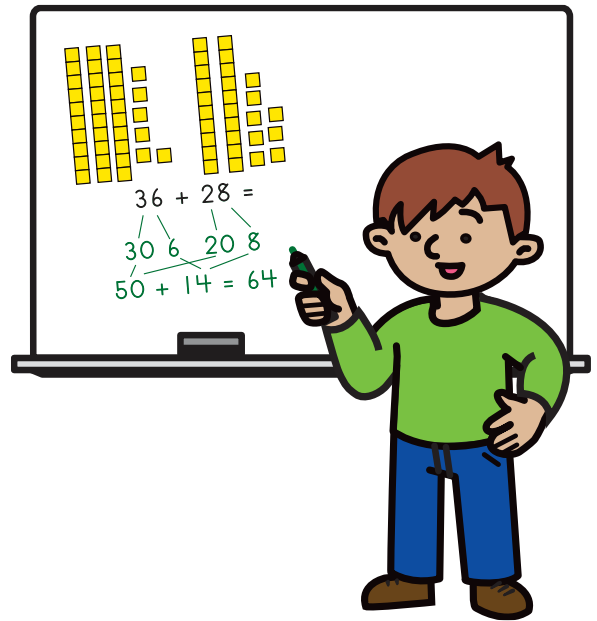
## Welcome back to school!

This year we are using Bridges in Mathematics, a K–5 math program that makes math meaningful and exciting. In third grade, students focus on multiplication, fractions, and area. Throughout the year, they:

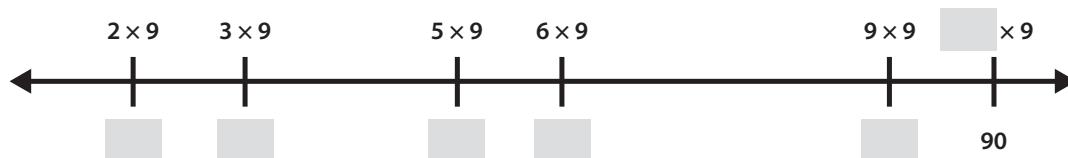
- Multiply numbers from 0 to 10 with fluency
- Multiply with numbers greater than 10
- Add and subtract with numbers to 1,000
- Work with unit fractions (those with a 1 in the numerator, like  $\frac{1}{3}$  and  $\frac{1}{6}$ ) and add and subtract fractions
- Explore division

The math might sometimes seem unfamiliar or different than you remember, but there are many ways you can help!

- Invite your student 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 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.



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