

Dear Kindergarten
Families & Caregivers,

Welcome to kindergarten!

This year we are using Bridges in Mathematics, a K–5 math program that makes math meaningful and exciting. In kindergarten, students focus on whole numbers and shapes. Throughout the year, they:

- Count and compare numbers to 100, with a special focus on numbers to 20
- Think about addition and subtraction in terms of situations that involve joining and separating
- Sort, compare, and draw shapes
- Combine shapes to make other shapes and to complete puzzles

The math might sometimes seem unfamiliar or different than you remember, but there are many ways you can help! By being open to learning and talking with your student, you can help them develop a variety of useful strategies and a love of math.

Bridges uses visual models to make mathematics accessible to all learners. One way that students approach math is through pictures.

Ask your student about the pictures and models. For example, using the picture below, ask questions such as, “What do you notice about this picture?”, “Where do you see the numbers in the picture?”, and “How can you use the picture to help solve the problem?”



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