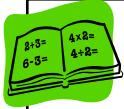


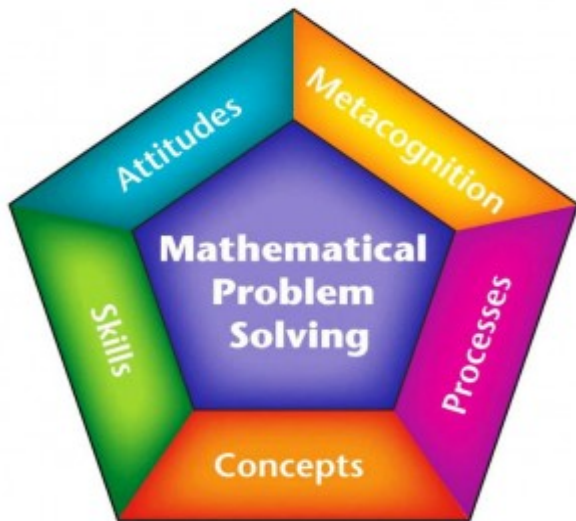
K-2 Math Newsletter for T/E Families

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New Elementary Math Series

Our venerable math series, Scott Foresman, Mathematics, is out of print and is no longer aligned to Pennsylvania standards. After reviewing multiple series, this year we will introduce our new series, **Math In Focus: Singapore Math**, to Kindergarten and first grade. Teachers explored the new series throughout last year and participated in publisher workshops and District inservices to learn more about this resource.

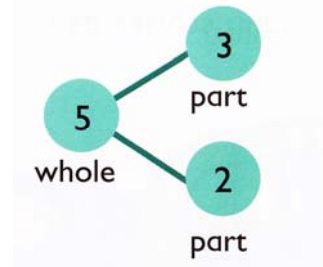


Math In Focus emphasizes problem solving by visually connecting concepts, processes and skills while helping students develop positive attitudes and self-awareness about their own math learning. The series has many resources for students, teachers and families and is aligned to the Pennsylvania Common Core Standards.



Math In Focus Highlight #1

Number bonds form an important foundation for learning the concept of addition and subtraction, which are closely related. Number bonding is widely regarded as one of the necessary tools to success at mental arithmetic, especially when regrouping is involved. First graders learn about number bonds beginning in Chapter 2!



Math in Focus is equally or more rigorous than the Scott Foresman text, with a greater emphasis on problem-solving and the use of visual representations like graphs, models and manipulatives to increase understanding. It is aligned to the Common Core Standards and is flexible to meet the needs of all of our students.