



Bear News

Mrs. Burkett's Weekly Newsletter

2011-12

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Please pay close attention to the dates listed in this newsletter. With the next two weeks being short due to conferences and Thanksgiving; another newsletter will not go home until December 2nd.

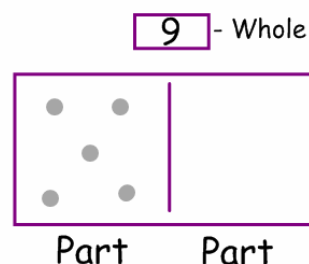
The Math Minute:

- Please make sure your child practices the +3/-3 facts every day. There will be one more practice test on Thursday, November 17th. The "real" test with the grade going in Progress Book will take place on Wednesday, November 30th.
- The test on Topic 2 will take place on Tuesday, November 22nd. For the test, students will need to be able to do the following:

* **Subtract to find the missing part.** (There are 6 toys in the box. 4 are trucks. The rest are stuffed animals. How many stuffed animals are in the box? $6-4=2$).

* **Write and find subtraction sentences that go with number stories.** (Sam has 5 pieces of candy. He gives 3 to his friend. How many pieces of candy does Sam have left? $5-3=2$. Bob has 6 cats. Tom has 2 cats. How many more cats does Bob have than Tom? $6-2=4$).

- * **Fill in the Part-Part-Whole Chart.**
Then be able to write an addition and subtraction sentence to go with it. $9-5=4$
 $5+4=9$



- * **Find the number sentence that is true.** (True - $1=4-3$ and $5=1+4$.
Not True - $7=4-3$ and $8=3+3$).

*** Write a subtraction story that goes with a number sentence and draw a picture that goes with the story.**

- The students will also need to know the vocabulary words that go with Topic 2. Those words were sent home in the October 21st newsletter and are also printed below:

Subtract The operation you do to find out how many are left or which group has more.

Difference The amount that is left after you subtract.

Subtraction Sentence What you write to show the amount you are starting with, the amount you are taking away, and finally what you have left. An example of a subtraction sentence is:
 $7-2=5$.

Minus Sign (-) The sign you use to tell/show that you are subtracting.

Equal Sign (=) The sign you use to show that something is equal to or is the same as. You may see it written $7-4=3$. This way we read it as, seven minus four equals three. Or you may see it written $3=7-4$. This way we read it as, three is the same as seven minus four. We have to remember that the same amount must be on each side of the equal sign.

Compare What you do to find out how things are alike and different.

The Social Studies Sampler:

- We are still working on our Citizenship Unit.

Mrs. Burkett's Homeroom Happenings:

- We will have our guidance lesson with Mrs. Wiley on Tuesday, November 15th.
- Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences will take place on Tuesday the 15th and Thursday the 17th after school until 7:50. Then on Friday the 18th from 8:00 - 1:00. Please plan on attending at your scheduled time.
- Our Polar Pride Assembly for the first grading period will take place on Wednesday, November 16th at 10:00.
- We will celebrate Mickey Mouse's birthday on Thursday, November 17th. His special day is the 18th.
- We will celebrate Donald's birthday on Tuesday, November 22nd.
- Our Thanksgiving Vacation is Wednesday, November 23 through Sunday, November 27th.
- We will celebrate Anna's birthday on Friday, December 2nd.

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