

Dear Family,

During the next few weeks our math class will be learning how to add and subtract whole numbers up to five digits. We will also be working with expressions, equations, and inequalities that involve addition and subtraction.

You can expect to see work that provides practice evaluating expressions, solving equations, and comparing inequalities.

As we learn how to evaluate expressions, you may wish to use the following sample as a guide.

Vocabulary

equation A mathematical sentence with an equal sign. For example, $3 + 1 = 4$ and $2x + 5 = 9$ are equations.

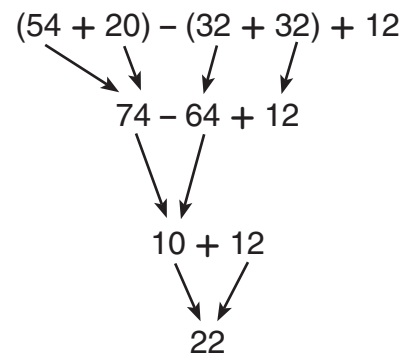
expression A number, variable, or any combination of numbers, variables, and operation signs. For example, $2x$, 4 , and $3x + 5$ are expressions.

inequality A sentence that contains $>$ (is greater than) or $<$ (is less than). For example, $8 > 2$ and $5 < 6$ are inequalities.

Evaluating Expressions

Follow these steps to evaluate $(54 + 20) - (32 + 32) + 12$.

- First do the operations inside the parentheses.
- Then do the rest of the operations from left to right.



Knowing how to add and subtract numbers up to five digits will allow students to be able to solve problems they encounter in the real world.

Sincerely,

Your Child's Teacher



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