Grade 3

Building Understanding of Fractions

Check out the "Parent Quick Smarts" video for this unit by using this link: <u>https://youtu.be/Vz9Zq</u>	<u>eYLmzo</u>
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Overarching Student Learning Goals In this unit, your child will work to build an understanding of the following:	Resources/Tasks to support your child at home.
Identify fair shares of a whole in different ways. Example: Joe, Tara, and Louie each baked a cake for a birthday party. They decided to cut each of their cakes into fourths to fairly share their cake with friends. Which person did not cut their cake into fair shares or fourths? Joe Tara Louie *In order to be a fair share or fraction, the pieces need to cover the same amount of space which means they can be different shapes. The answer to the above problem is Louie did not cut his shape fairly into fourths. Both Tara and Joe did because their pieces cover the same amount of space, even though Tara's pieces are not all of the same	 Challenge your child to find all the ways to cut/fold a square into fourths. Discuss fair shares when cutting food to be equally shared by your family. Then describe what fractional amount it was cut into including: halves, thirds, fourths, sixths, eighths. LearnZillion: <u>https://goo.gl/wK1GGf</u> Represent Fractions in Different Ways LearnZillion: <u>https://goo.gl/rK2Eya</u> Write Unit Fractions using Shapes
Identify what the numerator and denominator represent with area models of fractions. 3/6 4/6 Image: Second Secon	 When eating pizza, discuss the amount eaten by each member of the family. Discuss the importance of the pieces being equal sizes in order to determine the amount each person ate. Then represent the amount with a drawn model. Khan Academy: <u>https://goo.gl/QCX7a9</u> More Than One Equal Section

For more information on the learning goals and your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher.

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Understanding that fractions are repeated unit fractions using area models	LearnZillion: Non-unit Fractions
Example of Repeated Unit fractions: When looking at this model, you have two $\frac{1}{4}$ sections shaded. This model shows $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$, or $\frac{2}{4}$	 LearnZillion: <u>https://goo.gl/94kRzN</u> Express Whole Numbers as Fractions Ask your child to share a cake with 6 people equally. Ask: How many parts of the cake will 3 people eat? (³/₆ of the cake)
Represent Fractions on a Number Line.Example: Tiffany decided to represent the distance it takes her to walk to school in miles. How many miles does Tiffany walk to school? 0 $\frac{1}{8}$ $\frac{2}{8}$ $\frac{3}{8}$ $\frac{4}{8}$ $\frac{5}{8}$ $\frac{6}{8}$ $\frac{7}{8}$ 1	 Khan Academy: <u>Fractions on a Number Line</u> LearnZillion: <u>https://goo.gl/o7v7on</u> Plotting Unit Fractions on a Number Line Have your child show different fractions on a number line (Ex: ³/₄, ¹/₆, ⁴/₈)
Represent whole numbers and fractions greater than a whole on a number line. Example: What fraction is represented by the length marked on the number line shown? Image: What fraction is represented by the length marked on the number line shown? Image: Ima	 Determine the distance it took to drive from your home to the grocery store in miles. Then have your child draw the distance using a number line. Ask your child to model 3 feet of rope on a number line. If every third foot you needed to tie a knot, how could you show that on your number line? LearnZillion: <u>https://goo.gl/3BEmjQ</u> Fractions Greater than One a Number Line