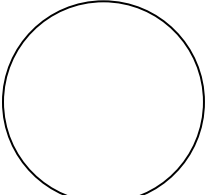
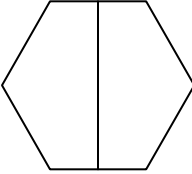
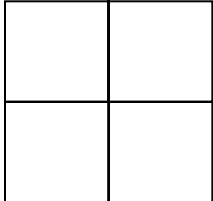




Dear Family,

Our class is starting a new unit in math about fractions. This fractions unit focuses on dividing a whole into equal parts. Students will identify, label and relate fractions (halves, fourths) as equal parts of a whole using pictures and models. Later in the year, students will learn how to divide groups of objects into equal sets.

BENCHMARKS/GOALS	EXAMPLES
Identify and label fractions.	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>whole</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>halves $\frac{1}{2}$</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>fourths $\frac{1}{4}$</p> </div> </div>

Related Activities to Try at Home

Students will continue to engage in math problems and activities and share how they solve a given problem. At home, you can encourage your child to explain his/her thinking as they engage in activities that further support the mathematics in this unit.

Some things you can do at home with your child...

Sharing Food Encourage your child to name foods such as sandwiches, pizza, cake, etc. that can be shared with one or more people. Have your child draw a picture of these foods and illustrate how they would cut them into halves and fourths.

Fraction Glossary Review and draw flat shapes (circle, square, triangle, rectangle, pentagon, hexagon) on separate pieces of paper. Have your child draw lines to show equal parts and label using the correct fraction (ex. $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, etc.) Staple the papers together to form a booklet.

Fair Share Find things in your environment that have or could be cut in half (2 double doors can make a doorway, a refrigerator may have 2 doors of equal size, a kitchen sink may be divided into 2 equal parts).

Math and Literature

You can find the following books in your local library and read them together. The books focus on themes from this unit.

Jaffe, Elizabeth. *Can You Eat a Fraction?*
McMillian, Bruce. *Eating Fractions*
Murphy, Stuart. *Give Me Half!*
Ziefert, Harriet. *Rabbit and Hare Divide an Apple*

Sincerely,

The First Grade Team