







About the Mathematics in This Unit

Dear Family,

Our class is starting a new unit in mathematics called *What Comes Next?* The focus of this unit is constructing and extending patterns.

Throughout this unit, students will be working toward these goals:

BENCHMARKS/GOALS	EXAMPLES
Copy, construct, and extend simple repeating patterns such as AB, ABC.	<p>If this pattern continues in the same way, what comes next?</p>  
Begin to identify the unit of a repeating pattern.	<p>What is the unit? What repeats over and over?</p>  

In our math class, students engage in math problems and activities and discuss the underlying concepts. They are asked to share their reasoning and solutions. It is important that children solve math problems accurately in ways that make sense to them. At home, encourage your child to explain his or her math thinking to you.