



School-Home Connection

Dear Family,

Today we started Chapter 3 of *Think Math!* In this chapter, I will find the value of collections of pennies and nickels and make amounts of money in different ways. I will also practice skip-counting. There are NOTES on the *Lesson Activity Book* pages to explain what I am learning every day.

Here are some activities for us to do together at home. These activities will help me understand money and learn strategies for counting coins.

Love,

Family Fun

Trading Game

Work with your child to practice trading 5 pennies for 1 nickel.

- Gather 40 pennies, 8 nickels, and a number cube.
- Players take turns tossing the number cube and taking that number of pennies.
- When a player has 5 pennies, he or she must trade the pennies for 1 nickel.



- Players find the value of the coins after each turn. Values can be recorded in a table.

Turn	Player 1	Player 2
1	4¢	6¢
2	7¢	8¢

- The first player to collect 20¢ wins.

Ways to Pay

Work with your child to practice making amounts using pennies and nickels.

- Use self-stick notes or pieces of paper to make price tags. Write a price less than 25¢ on each tag. Put the tags on small items such as pencils, fruit, and snacks.
- Have your child select one of the items to “buy.” Give your child 5 nickels and 20 pennies. Ask your child to choose coins to pay for the item.
- Challenge your child to show another way to pay for the item using a different combination of coins.
- Repeat the activity with different items and different prices.

