Math in Focus

SCHOOL to HOME
Connections

Chapter ④ Subtraction up to 10,000

Dear Family,

In this chapter, your child will learn to subtract numbers within 10,000.
Some of the skills your child will practice are:

- subtraction without regrouping
- subtraction with regrouping in ones, tens, hundreds, and thousands

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Activity

Like addition, subtraction is another important math skill. Subtraction is the opposite of addition. There are many situations that allow your child to practice this skill. For example, have your child help to plan your family's next vacation (real or imaginary).

- Draw up a list of costs with your child, such as air tickets, accommodation, vehicle rental, and insurance.

- You may search the Internet with your child for the costs of these items.

- Next have your child compare the prices of these items from other travel agencies or websites. Have your child calculate how much could be saved by choosing one particular airline over another, and so on.

- Finally, have your child add up the costs. If the cost of the trip is more than what you have budgeted for, discuss how he or she can cut down on expenses. For example, cut short the vacation, fly with a cheaper airline, or book the hotel earlier to enjoy a discount.

Vocabulary to Practice

The **difference** is the answer to a subtraction problem.

1,047 − 23 = 1,024

1,024 is the difference between 1,047 and 23.

To **regroup** is to change 10 ones to 1 ten or 1 ten to 10 ones; 10 tens to 1 hundred or 1 hundred to 10 tens; 10 hundreds to 1 thousand or 1 thousand to 10 hundreds.