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Dear Family,

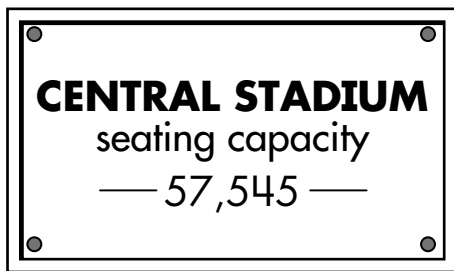
The activities below are related to the mathematics in this unit, *Thousands of Miles, Thousands of Seats*. You can use the activities to enrich your child's mathematical learning experiences.

Making Sense of Large Numbers

With your child, look for large numbers in the newspaper, on packages, on signs, and around your home and neighborhood. Talk together and ask questions about the numbers.



You might ask, "How much would the car cost if the salesperson offers a \$2,500 discount?"



You might ask, "If 45,000 people went to the basketball game at Central Stadium last night, how many seats were empty?"

Adding and Subtracting Distances

Find opportunities to give your child first-hand experiences with distances such as the number of miles driven across town or on a long trip. If you drive, show your child the odometer on your car and ask your child to help you figure out how far it is to the grocery store or the playing field. You might ask, "If we start at 24,538 miles, and when we get to the store the odometer reads 24,542, how far have we gone?"

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How Did You Solve That?

Ask your child to tell you about how he or she is adding and subtracting. Show that you are interested in these approaches. Because these strategies may be unfamiliar to you, listen carefully to your child's explanation; you might even do a problem or two, using the new procedure. Let your child be the teacher!

Math and Literature

You and your child can explore more math activities in this book. Look for a copy at your local library.

VanCleave, Janice Pratt. *Janice VanCleave's Math for Every Kid: Easy Activities That Make Learning Math Fun.*

