

The Pirate's Post

November 29, 2022



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The Plaza Promise-

What is Number Sense?

Number sense is the ability to understand, relate, and connect numbers. Much like reading fluency where children first learn letters that can be put together to form words, students learn that digits have values that make numbers when put together. They then develop the ability to visualize and talk comfortably about numbers, take them apart and put them back together in different ways, make computations mentally, and connect numbers to real life problems. Students who understand numbers fluently at an early age build a solid foundation needed to be successful in mathematics. We emphasize the importance of number sense in K-5th grades because it is necessary to solve more complicated mathematical problems in 6th-8th.

Here are some ideas for promoting number sense in a first grader:

- **Estimating to bring math into your child's everyday world.** Estimate the number of steps it takes to get from the car to the house or how many minutes you have to wait in line at the grocery store.
- **Model numbers in different ways.** Seeing numbers in different contexts really helps your children connect with numbers. For example, looking at numbers in a deck of cards or identifying numbers on dice or dominoes without counting the dots.
- **Visualize ways to see numbers.** Visualize a number and tell what they see. Your child will see numbers in different ways. Celebrate all the different ways and encourage them to think outside of the box. An eight can look like a snake or a 10 can be thought of as a baseball and bat.
- **Think about math with an open mind.** Instead of asking what is $6+4$, ask, "What are some ways to make 10?" This allows for more flexible thinking and builds confidence with knowing more than one answer. Or, you can also ask "Can you make eight with three different numbers?" or "What is 10 more than 2?"
- **Solve problems mentally.** Instead of relying on memorization, encourage your child to use mental math (calculating problems in his head). So, if you know $6+6=12$, then you know $6+7=13$. He can use his double fact ($6+6$) to help find a harder fact ($6+7$) and build on concepts he already knows to think about problems.

Hogan, Jennifer. [Demystifying Math: What Is Number Sense?](https://www.scholastic.com/parents/school-success/learning-toolkit-blog/demystifying-math-what-number-sense.html) <https://www.scholastic.com/parents/school-success/learning-toolkit-blog/demystifying-math-what-number-sense.html> Nov. 11th, 2017

Dates to Remember

- Dec 2** 7th-8th Basketball @ Los Molinos High School
- Dec 8** Plaza School Board Mtg @ 3PM
- Dec 12** K-2 and Chorus Sing Along at Hamilton High School Cafeteria @ 7PM
- Dec 26-Jan 6 NO SCHOOL: Winter Break**
- Jan 13** 7th-8th Basketball @ Orland Rec Center
- Jan 16 NO SCHOOL: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- Jan 19** Plaza School Board Mtg @ 3PM
PCC Mtg @ 6PM
- Jan 20** 6th-8th Dance @ Plaza School 5:30-8:30PM
- Jan 25** **Minimum Day Dismissal @ 12:45**
Teacher Pro Development
- Jan 27** 7th-8th Basketball @ Orland Rec Center

Morning Drop Off and 2:45 Parking Lot Pickup

During morning drop off, please do your part to ensure the process is done safely and efficiently. This means adults driving through the lanes must do so slowly and stop prior to the crosswalk and look for people crossing. Students and adults must use the crosswalk.

When picking up students at 2:45, please do not block traffic on Road S. If the lanes are full, pull into the lot and find a parking space. You may need to drive through once before a spot becomes available. It is ok to come at 2:50 since it tends to clear up a little around then.

Student Recognition!

A big shout out to Ford (1st Grade) and Leon (Kinder) who collectively sold almost \$900 in jam for the PCC fundraiser! Also, please recognize James (4th) and Natalia (5th) for representing Plaza School at the AgriBee.

The following students were recognized as good citizens throughout the 1st trimester for always being kind, responsible, and respectful people.

Kinder: Leon and Adalie

1st: Philip and Sophia

2nd: Justice and Hudson

3rd: Abby, Alexis, and Elyse

4th: Addyson G., and Natalia

5th: Diego and Analise

6th: Kinley and Sammy

7th: Ryan

8th: Chase R.



Pancake Breakfast:

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the 8th grade Pancake Breakfast. We had a great turn out. The money raised will go towards the 8th grade class, including their graduation expenses and end of year trip. It also helps support many different school activities, such as Red Ribbon Week, awards ceremonies, and student recognition.



2023-24 Enrollment

Notices went home to families who have at least one child currently attending Plaza and another child who will turn five before September 1st, 2023, therefore will be enrolling into kindergarten next year. If there are more students requesting enrollment than seats available, Plaza School board policy outlines who gets priority, as well as the process for conducting a random unbiased lottery. Families who live within Plaza School district boundaries are enrolled without a lottery process.

Although it is unlikely any siblings will be denied enrollment due to lack of open seats, we will be conducting a lottery for siblings at our December 8th board meeting in case there are additional families we are unaware of at this time or that move into the district before the school year begins. If you have questions or concerns, please see Mr. Conklin.

Orland Pantry Canned Food Drive and Glenn County 4 H Coats for Kids Drive

Our Plaza Student Leadership/Club Live Team and the California Junior Scholarship Federation group volunteered to promote both of these events in order to help serve members of the Glenn County community during the holiday season. If you have any nonperishable, unexpired goods to donate to the Orland Pantry, please have your child bring them to their classroom. Also, classrooms are collecting gently used or new children's sized coats. We will tally items donated between now and the pickup dates, which will be December 7th. The classroom with the most items collected will be recognized and rewarded!



Orland Unified School District Interdistrict Transfer Students

Please remember that December 1st through February 15th OUSD will begin accepting inter district transfer requests for the 2023-24 school year. Failure to submit the transfer request during the period will result in the expectation that the child shall attend their school of residence until a determination is made. This means your child would be expected to attend OUSD. Please go to the OUSD office to initiate the transfer request before February.