

Dear Parents,

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We wanted to send you a "Common Core - Parent Cheat Sheet" to help you understand the processes in which your child is solving problems in math class. Remember, the philosophy of the Common Core standards is to create a deeper understanding of numbers and their values to help build a foundation for future math skills. The idea is not to just "do it" but to know "how and why" we do it. Please let either of us know if you have any questions as we are both working together with all of our students to help meet their specific needs.

Mrs. [REDACTED]

Old Language	New Language
word problem	math situation
carry the one	regroup ten ones as a ten
borrow	take a ten and regroup it as ten ones
*add	increase
*subtract	decrease
*more than / fewer than	compare
How do you know?	evidence

*\*Please note that we do still use "add/subtract/more than,less than", but we interchange it with the new language you see listed beside each of these words to create a deeper understanding.*

The old way to solve an addition problem:	The new way to solve an addition math situation:
$\begin{array}{r} 62 \\ + 26 \\ \hline 88 \end{array}$	One way... expanded form: $\begin{array}{r} 60 + 2 \\ 20 + 6 \\ \hline 80 + 8 = 88 \end{array}$

Please turn over...