

Dear Family,

This week your child is learning to read and write three-digit numbers.



A **digit** is any one of the symbols we use to write numbers: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. So a three-digit number is a number such as 153 or 201 or 999.

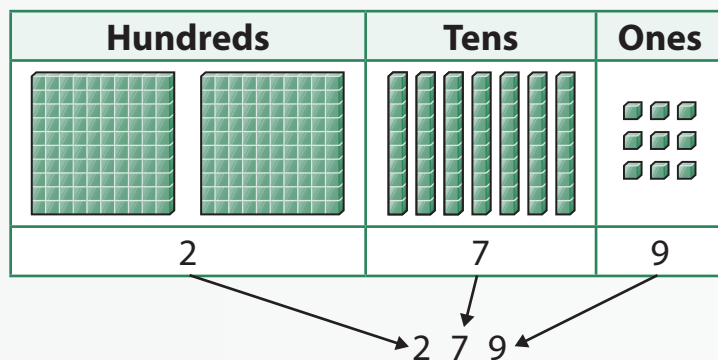
All numbers can be represented in different ways. These different ways each show something about what the number means.

You can write the number 279 many different ways.

You can write it as a sum of hundreds, tens, and ones:
 $200 + 70 + 9$, $70 + 200 + 9$, $9 + 70 + 200$, or another equivalent expression.

You can use words:
two hundred seventy-nine

You can use a model or chart:



Invite your child to share what he or she knows about three-digit numbers by doing the following activity together.



Three-Digit Numbers Activity

- Give your child 2 or 3 three-digit numbers from your everyday life.
 - Examples:
 - Our neighbor's dog weighs 112 pounds.
 - The book Mom is reading has 437 pages.
 - The monthly rent is 875 dollars.
 - Your cousins live 268 miles away.
- Have your child write each number as a numeral and as a sum of hundreds, tens, and ones. For example, 279 is a numeral and it can be written as $200 + 70 + 9$. Encourage your child to express the number using various sums. For example, 279 can also be written as $9 + 70 + 200$ or $200 + 9 + 70$.
- Then, let your child make up 2 or 3 three-digit numbers for you to write.
- Ask your child to check your work.
- Alternatively, if you and your child are feeling imaginative, make up a short story together that includes two or three 3-digit numbers. Each of you can write the numbers as numerals and as sums of hundreds, tens, and ones, and check one another's work.



My favorite movie is one hundred twenty-six minutes long. That's the same as 126 or $100 + 20 + 6$.

