

Basic math facts...kids need practice, practice! Make it fun by using the harvest season to stimulate interest. Encourage kids to roll up their sleeves, get to work, and have fun harvesting a numerical field of basic math facts.

Ready For Fun

Get students ready for apple pickin' and pumpkin pickin' by preparing a few simple materials. Before duplicating the drill sheets, add the number facts you wish to practice. Then reproduce progress charts—one for each week of your harvest. Finally, duplicate the award patterns on construction paper—red for apples and orange for pumpkins. Give each child a drill sheet for each day of the week and a progress chart to glue to the outside of a lunch bag. Tuck the drill sheets inside the bag and you're ready to harvest math facts. To encourage kids to practice at home, duplicate a multitude of drill sheets that can be taken home for practice each day. Kids compete against their own score, so everyone will be motivated to improve!

Pickin' Time

Since fall is the season for harvesting both apples and pumpkins, select an apple pickin' week to focus on addition facts and a pumpkin pickin' week to focus on subtraction facts. Add additional weeks according to your needs and the kids' interest. Encourage them to practice math facts at home to involve parents and achieve greater success at school.

Drill Time

One of the best things about this motivating math activity is that it's simple to do and takes just a few minutes at the beginning or end of each daily math class. Set an appropriate time limit, get out the sheets, and let the kids begin.

Score Time

After completing the sheet, ask students to exchange papers and check for correct answers. Performing these tasks for themselves will foster independence, free up your time, and help kids in making corrections. When finished, have everyone record their score on the lunch-bag progress chart. If a child achieves a per-

fect score, he/she colors the perfect score award on the chart. Be sure to distribute additional Perfect Score Awards or Improvement Awards that children can attach to the back or sides of the bags.



Treat Time

After each week of intensive math drill and practice, evaluate scores and talk with students about their progress or areas of difficulty. Then suggest ideas for continued practice. Reward your fall harvesters for a job well done by serving up some special treats...dried apple rings or apple chips for apple pickin' week and candy corn pumpkins for pumpkin-pickin' week. Harvesting math facts can be fun!

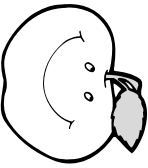
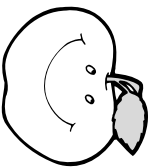
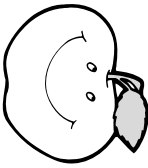
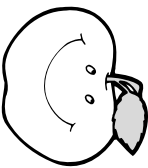
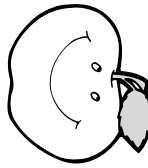
Reproducible Progress Charts

Cut out and glue to lunch bag.

Name _____

MY ADDITION Facts

Progress Chart

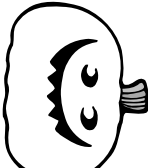
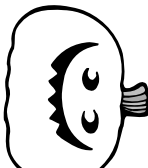
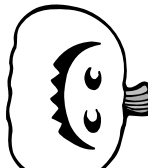
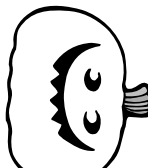
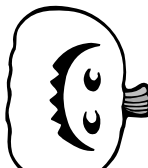
Monday	My score	Color an apple each day you get a perfect score.	 PERFECT SCORE!
Tuesday	My score	My score improved by	 PERFECT SCORE!
Wednesday	My score	My score improved by	 PERFECT SCORE!
Thursday	My score	My score improved by	 PERFECT SCORE!
Friday	My score	My score improved by	 PERFECT SCORE!

CUT APART

Name _____

MY SUBTRACTION Facts

Progress Chart

Monday	My score	Color a pumpkin each day you get a perfect score.	 PERFECT SCORE!
Tuesday	My score	My score improved by	 PERFECT SCORE!
Wednesday	My score	My score improved by	 PERFECT SCORE!
Thursday	My score	My score improved by	 PERFECT SCORE!
Friday	My score	My score improved by	 PERFECT SCORE!

Reproducible Drill Sheets

Fill in number facts. Duplicate one for each student for each day of the week.

Name _____				Name _____			
ADDITION FACTS				SUBTRACTION FACTS			
Day _____				Day _____			
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Color and cut out awards.
Glue them on the sides and back of the bag

