Home Connection

In this chapter, your child will learn subtraction as comparison:

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3 more smoothies
3 fewer straws

In the classroom, your child will line up objects and use picture graphs to compare the numbers of objects or categories to determine how many more or fewer.

What can we do at home?

- Point out objects that can be compared. Ask your child questions such as:
  - Are there more (tables) or (chairs)?
  - How many more (carrot sticks) than (celery sticks)?
  - How many fewer (slides) than (swings)?
- Have your child tell comparison number stories about items they see when out and about. Examples:
  - There are more big dogs than little dogs at the dog park.
  - 9 little dogs and 6 big dogs were playing at the dog park. There are 3 more little dogs than big dogs at the dog park.
  - 9 little dogs and 6 big dogs were playing at the dog park. There are 3 fewer big dogs than little dogs at the dog park.
- Play Domino Differences: have your child lay dominoes face down. Each player draws a domino and subtracts the lesser number on one half of their domino from the greater number. The player with the greatest difference wins the dominoes. The winner is the player with the most dominoes after a set number of rounds.
- Continue to practice addition and subtraction within 20 using any of the activities from prior Letters Home.

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