



Dear Parents,

One of our school-wide goals this year is to work on Problem Solving. We are teaching our students 4 steps to problem solving.

Step #1 – Understand: What do I do?
 What is the question?
 Underline what is being asked.

Step #2 – Plan: Put (brackets) around the information needed.
 Figure out the operation you need (addition, subtraction,
 multiplication, division).

Step #3 – Solve: Carry out your plan.
 Do the operation carefully.

Step #4 – Check: Is my answer reasonable?
 Does it make sense?

Part of our plan will involve a Homework Problem Solving activity for you and your child to work on together. We will send a new problem home every Tuesday, and it will be due on Wednesday. This activity, along with the Reading Log, will be the only Homework your child will have on Tuesday evenings. The first Problem Solving Activity is attached to this letter.

Please take the time to complete these problems with your child. These problem solving strategies will be useful for your child in school and in his or her everyday life.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Loper 3rd Grade Teachers