Dear Family,

This week your child is exploring odd and even numbers.

You can tell whether a number is odd or even by trying to make either groups of 2 or 2 equal groups.

A number is **even** if you can make either groups of 2 or 2 equal groups and have no leftovers.
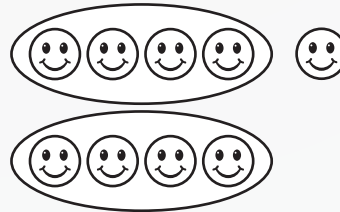
8 is even.

10 is even.

A number is **odd** if you make either groups of 2 or equal groups and have 1 leftover.

7 is odd.

9 is odd.

Invite your child to share what he or she knows about odd and even numbers by doing the following activity together.

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Odds or Evens Activity

Materials: 30 small objects (pennies, buttons, dry pieces of cereal); a bag

Play the Odds or Evens game with your child.

- Have your child choose odds or evens, and take the other category for yourself.

- Put 30 pennies in a bag.

- Have your child reach in and take a handful of pennies.

- Work with your child to count the number of pennies.

- Ask your child whether the number is even or odd.

- Have your child check his or her answer by trying to put the pennies into pairs.

- Help your child record everything on the scorecard below. Play 4 more rounds.

Odds or Evens Game

Round	Number of Pennies	Winner	
1		Odd	Even
2		Odd	Even
3		Odd	Even
4		Odd	Even
5		Odd	Even