

Parent Guide to the Standards

Number Line Basics

Today's Standard

2.MD.B6 - Represent whole numbers as lengths from 0 on a number line diagram with equally spaced points corresponding to the numbers 0, 1, 2, ..., and represent whole-number sums and differences within 100 on a number line diagram.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Using a number line to measure the length of a pencil.; Determining the distance between two points on a map.; Calculating the total cost of items in a shopping list.; Finding the difference in scores between two teams.

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about number lines. A number line is a line with numbers placed at equal distances. We use it to show whole numbers and to add or subtract numbers up to 100.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids might think the spaces between numbers on a number line can be different, but they should all be the same. Others might think the number line starts at 1, but it starts at 0.

Quiz Me

- What number do we start with on a number line?
- How should the spaces between numbers be on a number line?
- Can you show me how to add 5 and 3 on a number line?
- What is the first number on a number line?
- How do we subtract 2 from 7 using a number line?

Help Me

A number line is like a ruler. It helps us see and count numbers. We can use it to add or subtract by moving right or left. For example, if you have 3 apples and get 2 more, you can count 2 steps from 3 on the number line to see you have 5 apples.