

Parent Guide to the

# **Function Notation & Evaluation**

## Today's Standard

HSF.IF.A2 - Use function notation, evaluate functions for inputs in their domains, and interpret statements that use function notation in terms of a context.

## Real-World Applications for this Standard

Predicting population growth using functions; Calculating interest rates in finance; Modeling physics phenomena like projectile motion; Analyzing business profit and loss; Interpreting data trends in social sciences

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned about function notation. This means using symbols like f(x) to show how numbers change. It's like a special code in math!

## **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Some kids might think f(x) means to multiply f and x, but it doesn't. It just shows the result of the function for x. Also, not all functions are straight lines; they can be different shapes.

## Quiz Me

- What does f(x) mean?
- Can you give an example of a function?
- What happens when you put a number into a function?
- Are all functions straight lines?
- Can you name a real-world example of a function?

#### Help Me

A function is like a machine that takes a number and changes it into another number. For example, if you put 2 into the function, it might give you 4. Functions help us understand things like how fast plants grow or how much money we save.