

Dear Parent,

One of the goals of the Kindergarten curriculum is to provide an opportunity for children to estimate. The best way to improve this skill is through practice. The "Estimation Jar" gives children practice in making and checking predictions while learning the concept of place value.

Your child has been given the "Estimation Jar" for the day. Please help him/her choose a number of small items that will fit in the Jar. Have your child count exactly how many items are in it. I would suggest no more than _____. Record the number on the bottom of this sheet and return it with the jar tomorrow. Encourage your child to keep it a secret.

At school, the children in the class will try to estimate the actual number of items in the jar. Then the actual number will be revealed. We will compare the guesses to the actual number. Next, we will count and group by ten to gain an understanding of place value.

Please return the jar to school the next day so another child may have a turn.

Some suggestions are:

Marbles	Dice	M&Ms	Cotton Balls
Sea Shells	Skittles	Crayons	Sugar cubes
Chocolate chips	Macaroni	Erasers	Gummy Bears

The "Estimation Jar" is a chance for children to estimate, compare, count, and enjoy the world of numbers. Thanks for sharing in the joy of learning with your child.

Sincerely, _____

Your Name: _____

I put _____ (number)

_____ (name of item)

in the jar.

