

1st Grade Math: Sharing Equally

Objective: Students will learn how to share objects equally among a group, developing a foundational understanding of division and fairness.

Introduction

Today, we are going to learn about **sharing equally**. Sharing is something we do all the time with our friends and family. For example, if you have some cookies, and you want to share them with your friends, everyone should get the same amount. This is called **sharing equally**.

What is Sharing Equally?

Sharing equally means dividing something into groups so that each group gets the **same amount**. It is a fair way to make sure everyone gets an equal share.

Example: Sharing Cookies

Let's say you have **6 cookies** and want to share them with **2 friends**.

- You will give each friend **one cookie** until all the cookies are gone.
- So, each friend will get **3 cookies** because **6 cookies shared by 2 friends = 3 cookies each**.

Steps for Sharing Equally

1. **Count the total number of items** you want to share.
2. **Decide how many groups** you want to share the items into.
3. **Start giving one item to each group**, one by one, until all the items are shared.
4. **Make sure each group gets the same amount**.

Practice Problems

1. You have **8 apples**. Share them equally between **4 friends**.
How many apples does each friend get?
2. You have **10 toy cars** and want to share them equally between **2 friends**.
How many cars does each friend get?
3. You have **12 candies**. If you share them equally with **3 friends**, how many candies will each friend get?

Visual Aid: Using a Picture

Draw a picture of a plate with 6 cookies and show students how to divide the cookies between 2 friends. Encourage them to draw their own pictures to practice sharing equally.

Real-Life Example

Ask students to think about how they share toys, food, or other items with their family or friends. For example, "If you have 10 grapes and want to share them with 2 people, how many grapes will each person get?"

Conclusion

Sharing equally helps us be fair when dividing things with friends and family. It's the first step to learning about division, where we learn how to split things into equal groups.