

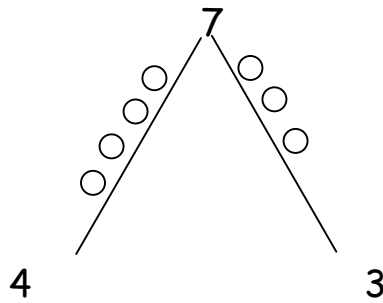


## News From the KS Classroom May 21, 2008

This week was filled with new experiences, discoveries and accomplishments.

### This weeks highlights:

- We learned about "Math Mountains" . Children were told a story about "Tiny Tumblers" who live on top of each mountain. These Tiny Tumblers roll down the sides of the mountain for fun. For example:



This visual support allows the children to internalize number partners with continued practice. Knowing partners of numbers will help your child develop a strong sense of relationships among numbers and provide a firm foundation for learning addition and subtraction.

- On Thursday, we received live caterpillars. We will observe the life cycle of a butterfly over the next few weeks and do many activities and projects relating to this topic.
- We brainstormed what we know about Martha's Vineyard and unveiled a big map of the island that hangs on our classroom bulletin board. We will learn more about the island in the classroom and in June, take a variety of field trips to learn about our community helpers (police, firemen, postal workers, etc.) and some of the places that make the Vineyard so special.
- We took a closer look at the school garden and learned about the life cycle of a strawberry. As a follow up activity, we read The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry and The Big Hungry Bear, wrote and drew a response to it and painted beautiful strawberries.

- We have been enjoying Frog and Toad books.....as a read aloud and listening center activity.
- We have continued to practice saying and signing the Pledge of Allegiance for our annual March to the Sea on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. We leave the school promptly at 1:00 p.m.. Please join us for this wonderful Edgartown School tradition.

Have a great weekend!



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