



Family Note A penny jar provides great mathematics opportunities! Have family members add spare pennies at the end of each day. Count the pennies together once a week to reinforce the counting skills we are working on in school. As the penny collection grows, family members can estimate how many pennies are in the jar before counting them. Estimation is not just guessing. It is using what you know to make a “smart guess.”



Start a penny jar to collect your family’s pennies.

Once a week, estimate how many coins are in the jar:

Take a small handful of pennies and count them. Compare the number in your hand with the number in the penny jar. How many pennies do you think are in the jar? Count the pennies in the jar and record the number. How close was your estimate?

How many pennies do you think will be in your jar next week? Keep track of how the number changes.