

SMP 5

This year at Stocker we are working on becoming better mathematicians by thinking like mathematicians. To do this, we are focusing on the Standards for Mathematical Practice. We will look at one each month. This month our practice is SMP 5: Use appropriate tools, pictures, and objects to solve math problems strategically.

Here are a few ways you can help your child practice this at home:

- When your child is doing homework, show them how to draw pictures to help solve a problem.
- Provide simple manipulatives like pennies or beans to work things through.
- Show them that there is often more than one way to do things. (You could clean a floor using a mop or a broom or a cloth.)