

When you count a set of objects and then take some of the objects away, then count what is left over, you are doing something called subtraction. You have been doing a lot of subtraction! Well done!

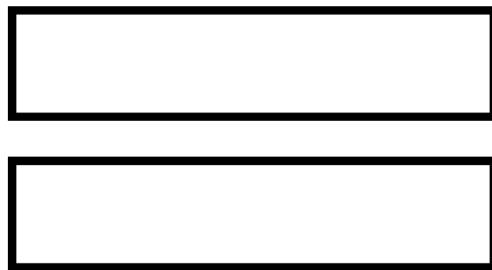
There are special ways to write subtraction problems.

Today you will be learning a new symbol that is important when writing down subtraction problems.

This is a minus sign. Color the minus sign.



Let's review this sign. This is an equal sign. Color the equal sign.



Read this poem. Discuss what the poem is about. Point out the letter O in the poem.

Old Mother Goose

Old Mother Goose, when
she wanted to wander,
Would ride through the air
On a very fine gander.
Mother Goose had a house,
'Twas built in a wood.
An owl at the door
For a porter stood.
She had a son Jack,
A plain-looking lad.
He was not very good,
Nor yet very bad.

She sent him to market,
A live goose he bought.
"Here! Mother," says he,
"It will not go for naught."
Jack's goose and her gander
Grew very fond;
They'd both eat together,
Or swim in the pond.
Jack found one morning,
As I have been told,
His goose had laid him
An egg of pure gold.

