

# GETTING UNSTUCK WITH MATH

Share these strategies with staff and families.

## Ask students to:

Describe the problem.

**Explain** the problem in words.

*What is the problem asking?*

*Is it like other problems you've encountered?*

**Write** the problem in different ways.

*Is there another way to write that?*

Break the problem down into smaller parts or steps.

**Lay out** parts or steps.

*What steps are you going to take?*

**Guess** and estimate.

**Explain** the guesses and estimates.

*What do you think the answer might be?*

*How did you get that?*

Try different ways.

*What have you tried?*

*Are there other alternatives?*

Explain what they don't understand.

**Pinpoint** the problem area.

*What do you think about your answer?*

*Where are you getting stuck?*

Figure out how to get help.

**Name** specific resources.

*Where can you go to find an explanation?*

*Who can you ask?*