

# Aurora News

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Dear Families,

At Aurora, our goal is to become the best elementary school in the state of Tennessee. Our Scholars' performance on the upcoming TN Ready assessment serves as one indicator on whether we reach that objective. To prepare your child for this important test, we are encouraging our parents to review the academic strategies that your child has been using in his or her classes. The use of mnemonics is one such academic strategy, and it has been beneficial with your child in tackling math word problems.

Mnemonics are strategies and techniques that aid in your child's memory. With a word-problem mnemonic, the mnemonic helps your child remember the necessary steps to solving word problems. Often, the first letter of each step can be combined to spell a word that is easy to remember. The following are two mnemonics that your child has been using in math class:

### MNEMONIC #1: CUBES

CUBES is an academic strategy that allows your child to interact with the word problems by dissecting it and critically analyzing it.

<b>C</b>	Circle numbers and units.
<b>U</b>	Underline the question.
<b>B</b>	Box any action words.
<b>E</b>	Evaluate and eliminate.
<b>S</b>	Show your work.

Jill picked 14 sunflowers. Sam picked 7 roses. How many flowers did Jill and Sam pick altogether?

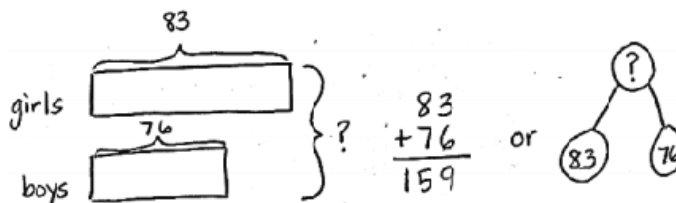
$$14 + 7 = 31 \text{ flowers}$$

### MNEMONIC #2: READ-DRAW-WRITE

Read-Draw-Write is an academic strategy to help your child make sense of word problems and persevere in solving them.

There are 83 girls and 76 boys in the third grade. How many total students are in the third grade?

<b>READ</b>	Read and annotate the word problem
<b>DRAW</b>	Draw and label a visual representation of the word problem.
<b>WRITE</b>	Write the answer in both a word sentence and a math sentence.



There are 159 students in third grade.

As the TN Ready assessment approaches, please use the remaining days to quiz your child on the mnemonics above and ask your child to demonstrate to you how to use the mnemonics in solving math homework.

Very truly yours,

Teneicesia White  
Principal



- April 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Lunch with ONU  
At 11:00 AM
- April 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Lunch with CBU  
At 11:00 AM
- April 13<sup>th</sup>**  
3-5 Community Meeting  
At 1:30 PM
- April 16<sup>th</sup> - May 4<sup>th</sup>**  
TNReady Testing
- April 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Clubs at 1:30 PM
- April 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Parent Workshop  
5:30-6:30 PM