

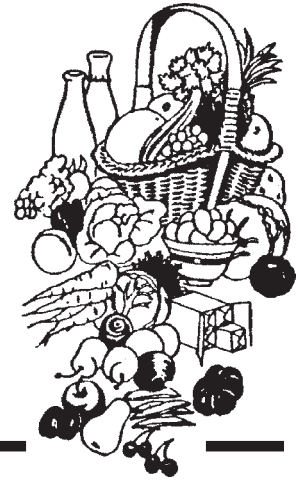
The Price of Food Today

Name _____

Date _____

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As part of a math lesson, your student will need to spend some time at the grocery store. Please include your child in one of your grocery store shopping trips so that he/she can complete the assignment below by the following date: _____. He/she will be doing a graphing assignment using this information.



Thank you!

1. Go grocery shopping with a parent this week or make a special trip to the grocery store for this assignment. *As you travel throughout the store, remember to be courteous and respectful. You are representing your school as well as yourself.*
2. Go to the appropriate section of the store and examine the prices of several brands of the items listed in the chart below.
3. Complete the following chart:

Item	Least Expensive Price	Most Expensive Price	Estimated Average Price
1 pound bacon			
5 pounds sugar			
1 dozen eggs			
1 pound butter			
1 pound tomatoes			
1 pound apples			
1 loaf standard white bread			
½ gallon of whole milk			
1 item of your choice			

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4. How did you decide what to write in the “estimated average price” column?

5. Do you suppose that the price of tomatoes is always about the same price? Why/Why not?

6. Name one item in the store that you think will not be in the store three months from now.

_____ Why do you think this? _____

7. In one well-written paragraph, explain what you learned from doing this exercise.

8. Graphs often show information in a clear and simple way. Pick one of the ideas below and make a creative and colorful graph that represents your information. **Be sure to have a rough draft of your graph approved by your teacher before preparing your final copy.**

- Show how one item’s price has changed over time (for example, the price of bread in 1950, 1960, 1990, etc.)
 - Show today’s current average prices (as you have determined them) of different food items.
 - Using your own idea, make a graph showing how prices change over time. Obtain permission from your teacher before beginning your graph.
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