

Abeka 2: Teacher's Manual 90/10

I call these the 90/10 manuals because once you've taught one math year, 90% of the teacher's manual is unnecessary. However, there's a 10% that is VITAL to your sanity.

The *missing* piece in Abeka, for most parents without the manual, is the **MEMORY WORK**. There is SO MUCH DRILL that you don't know about. In my opinion, it's massive overkill, but I was under the impression that there was no memory work in math in the early years. Those worksheets get hard FAST under those conditions.

First, you need to know what is assumed.

I call the first month of Abeka, "You-already-know-this." They blow through the review so fast! If you don't already have these skills drilled in, you start out behind and the worksheets take a LOT longer.

- Fact Families 1-8 addition and subtraction
- 1-200 forward and backward counting/writing by 1's, 2's, 5's, 10's, evens and odds.
- Recognizing/ordering cardinal and ordinal words 1-20
- Name and draw all four basic shapes, coins
- Name and count all coins
- Putting consecutive and non-consecutive numbers in order
- Name days of the week, put word cards in order
- Name months of the year, put word cards in order
- Odd months 1-7 and even months 8-12 are 31 days
- Setting a clock to the hour and half hour
- # of mo/yr, days/wk, min/hr, hrs/day
- process words like "sum" and "difference"

Fact Family Pacing Guide

Abeka recommends that child to have the previous family of facts mastered by the time a new family is introduced. See the chart below for those Lesson numbers. By "family" they mean facts that add up to a number (0+4, 1+3, 2+2) and subtracted from a number (4-0, 4-1, 4-2).

Addition		Subtraction	
Families	Lesson	Families	Lesson
1 to 7	10	1 to 7	15
8	22	8	25
9	36	9	40
10	45	10	50
11	55	11	60
12	65	12	70
13	75	13	80
14	86	14	100
15	110	15	120
16	130	16	135
17	141	17	141
18	148	18	148

Do I Need the REAL manual?

Maybe. I don't use Abeka 2 anymore, so I never wrote the drills.

Must Do for Abeka 3

On day one of Abeka 3, it assumes that the following are already mastered and only need the briefest review. If you don't have them down, those worksheets get LONG in a hurry!

- Fact Families 1-18 addition and subtraction
- Multiplication tables 0-3
- Add/sub/mult process terminology
- Roman numeral 1-12
- Money values and notation
- Place values (ex. 56,789, What value is the 7?)
- Clock reading, setting to 5 min
- Concept of $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ (of an object, number, and group)
- # of mo/yr, days/wk, min/hr, hrs/day, c/pt/qt/gal
- Setting a thermometer to even/odd degrees