## Adding and subtracting fractions

Ms. Bloom is one of the Grade 4 teachers in the school.

1. On Friday, many of the students were missing in her class. $\frac{1}{8}$ of the class went to a basketball tournament and $\frac{1}{8}$ of the class called in sick. What fraction of the class was in school?
2. Ms. Bloom has $\frac{15}{16}$ of a pack of construction papers at her desk. Ms. Bloom takes another 2 new packs of construction papers to the class for an art project. The students use $1 \frac{3}{16}$ pack for the art project. How many packs of construction papers are left?
3. Ms. Bloom had $4 \frac{7}{12}$ boxes of pencils but $2 \frac{1}{12}$ boxes of the pencils were broken. After she threw out the broken pencils, how many boxes of pencils were left?

4. Ms. Bloom brought 4 packs of treats for Halloween. She gave away $2 \frac{1}{9}$ packs of treats to her class and gave away $\frac{5}{9}$ packs of treats to the 2 classes of kindergarten students that came to her class for trick-or-treating. How many packs of treats did she have left?
5. Ms. Bloom received $2 \frac{1}{7}$ bags of chocolate for Valentine's from her class and $\frac{5}{7}$ of a bag of chocolates from a few students from last year's class. She shared $1 \frac{2}{7}$ with other teachers and took the rest of the chocolate home. How many bags of chocolate did she take home?
6. Ms. Bloom spent $1 \frac{5}{12}$ hours in preparing for her class and spent $2 \frac{1}{12}$ hours teaching the class. Later that day, she spent $1 \frac{11}{12}$ hours cleaning her work desk at home. How much time did she spend on working this day?

## Answers

1. $1-\frac{1}{8}-\frac{1}{8}=\frac{6}{8}\left(\right.$ or $\left.\frac{3}{4}\right)$
$\frac{3}{4}$ of the class was in school.
2. $\frac{15}{16}+2-1 \frac{3}{16}=1 \frac{12}{16}\left(\right.$ or $\left.1 \frac{3}{4}\right)$
$1 \frac{3}{4}$ pack of construction papers are left.
3. $4 \frac{7}{12}-2 \frac{1}{12}=2 \frac{6}{12}\left(\right.$ or $\left.2 \frac{1}{2}\right)$
$2 \frac{1}{2}$ boxes of pencils were left.
4. $4-2 \frac{1}{9}-\frac{5}{9}=1 \frac{3}{9}\left(\right.$ or $\left.1 \frac{1}{3}\right)$

She had $1 \frac{1}{3}$ bag of treats left.
5. $2 \frac{1}{7}+\frac{5}{7}-1 \frac{2}{7}=1 \frac{4}{7}$

She took home $1 \frac{4}{7}$ bag of chocolates.
6. $1 \frac{5}{12}+2 \frac{1}{12}=3 \frac{6}{12}\left(\right.$ or $\left.3 \frac{1}{2}\right)$ She spent $3 \frac{1}{2}$ hours on working.

