

Adding and subtracting

- A. Adding and subtracting with money can be tricky because we use dollars (\$) and cents (¢). Cents are also represented as a part or fraction of a dollar by placing a decimal point in front of the amount like this:

$$50 \text{ ¢} = .50$$

So when you're adding and subtracting money, you just need to carry the decimal down like this:

Add \$32 and \$3.45

Remember: **\$32** is the same as **\$32.00**

$$\begin{array}{r} \$ \quad 32.00 \\ \$ + \quad 3.45 \end{array}$$

- B. Try this! The following activity will help you to practice adding and subtracting money amounts. Knowing how to do this will be handy for keeping track of your budget.

$$\begin{array}{r} \$ \quad 5.34 \\ \$ - 4.11 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \$ \quad 6.05 \\ \$ + 3.44 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \$ \quad 1.93 \\ \$ + 4.02 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \$ \quad 25.42 \\ \$ - 12.09 \\ \hline \end{array}$$



Take it further

Do you know your dollars and cents? Try drawing the following sets of bills and coins:

- 1 twenty dollar bill, 2 dimes, 2 nickels, 2 quarters
- 2 ten dollar bills, 3 quarters, 5 nickels and 1 dime