

The Magic of a Million

ACTIVITY BOOK

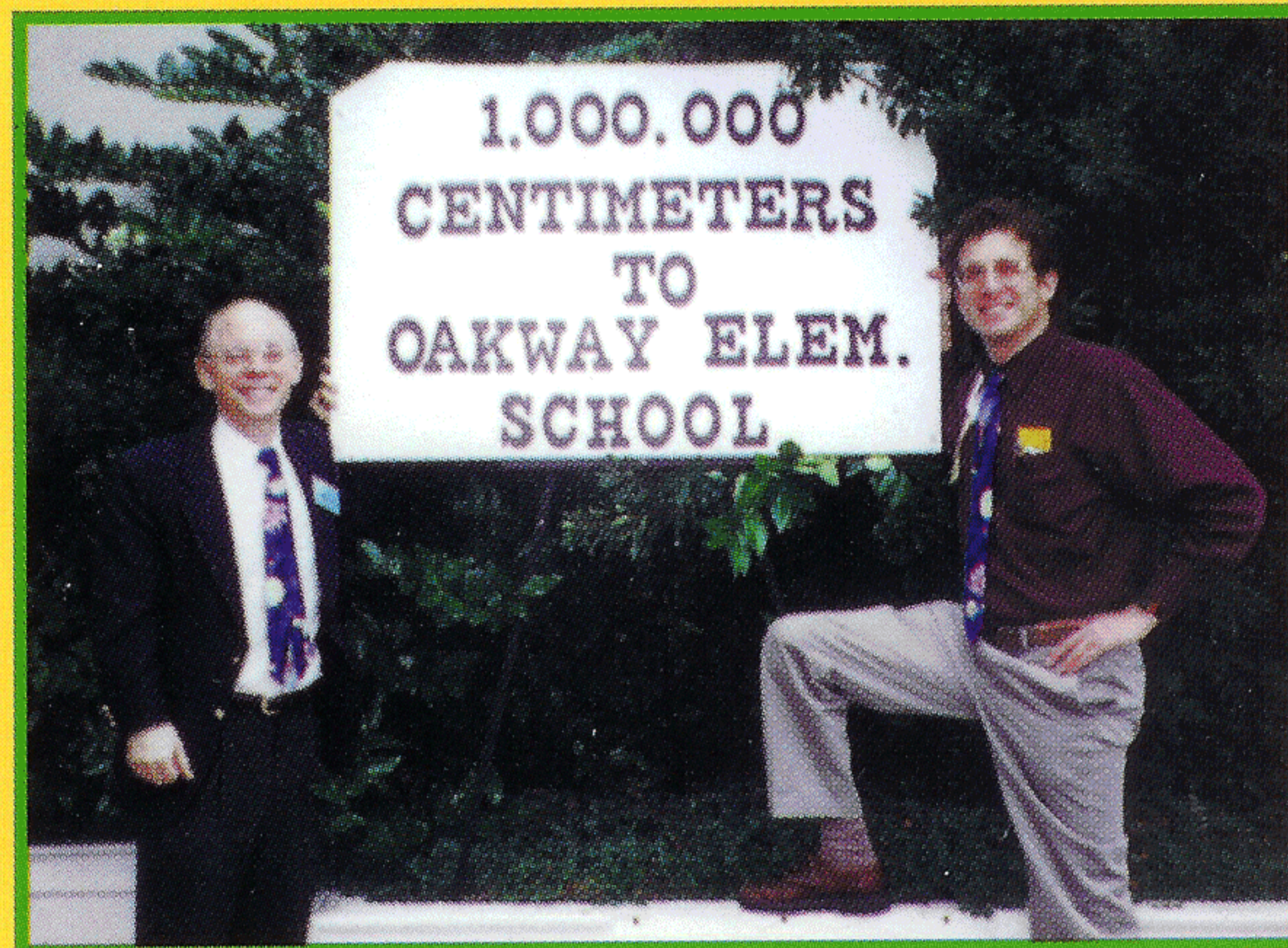
How much is a million? A billion? A trillion? Demystify big numbers with these real-life, classroom-tested math investigations inspired by David M. Schwartz's books, *How Much Is a Million?* and *If You Made a Million*. Cross-curricular hands-on activities and ready-to-reproduce data collection sheets help make big numbers exciting and concrete for kids while giving them practice in skills such as estimating, counting, calculating, finding averages, measuring, problem-solving, and communicating. *The Magic of a Million Activity Book* is a surefire way to motivate even your most reluctant student! Activities include:

- ★ **Clocking One Million:** How long does it take to count to one million?
- ★ **Pile Up the Books:** How many books would one million pages fill? How about one million words or letters?
- ★ **Pictures Worth a Million:** How long would it take to paint a picture with one million dots?
- ★ **In a Heartbeat:** Does the human heart beat one million times in a year?
- ★ **It Seems Like a Million Days:** Will we go to school for one million days in our lives?
- ★ **And Now a Word From Our Sponsor:** How long would it take to watch one million television shows? (including commercials!)
- ★ **We Love Food:** Could we eat one million ice cream cones in our lives?
- ★ **One Million in the News:** What kinds of big numbers appear in the newspaper?
- ★ And not quite a million—but a multitude of other fun-filled, mind-stretching activities!

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