

# Puzzle of the Week

## *Letter Substitutions – 3*

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Rules:

1. A letter represents a digit from 0 to 9, and has the same value throughout a single puzzle.
2. No number can start with the digit 0.
3. Within a puzzle, different letters must have different values.

$$\begin{array}{r} 8 \\ + A \\ \hline B \ 2 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{r} 8 \\ + 4 \\ \hline 1 \ 2 \end{array}$$

**THE CHALLENGE:** Find the value of A, B, C, and D in these puzzles.

$$\begin{array}{r} A \\ + A \\ \hline B \ B \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{r} C \\ + C \\ \hline D \end{array}$$

**EXPLORATION:** Make some letter substitution puzzles for your friends to solve.

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## *Letter Substitutions – 3 – Notes*

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**THE CHALLENGE:** For  $A + A + 6 = BB$ : The largest number  $B + B + 6$  can be is  $9 + 9 + 6 = 24$ , so  $B$  is either 1 or 2.  $A + A + 6$  must be an even number, so  $B = 2$ .  $A + A + 6 = 22$  means  $A + A = 16$ , so  $A = 8$ .

So, the answer is  $8 + 8 + 6 = 22$ .

$C + C + 6 = D$ : The only way that  $C + C + 6$  can be less than 10 is if  $C$  is 1.

The answer is  $1 + 1 + 6 = 8$ .