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MAC & CHEESE DAY!

Mac and Cheese Day, celebrated on July 14th, is a deliciously indulgent holiday dedicated to the beloved comfort food, macaroni and cheese, encouraging people to enjoy this classic dish in its many varieties, from homemade recipes to gourmet twists.

Directions: Use your math skills to find the value of each icon and the '?' in the puzzle below.

$$\text{Macaroni} + \text{Cheese} + \text{Macaroni} = \text{Mac and Cheese}$$

$$256 \div \text{Milk} = \text{Milk}$$

$$\text{Milk} = \text{Cheese} \div \text{Macaroni}$$

$$\text{Cheese} = \text{Milk} \times 12 - 48$$

$$\text{Macaroni} + \text{Cheese} \times \text{Milk} - \text{Mac and Cheese} = ?$$

My Answer: ? = _____

Answer Key:

Macaroni=9

Mac & Cheese Bowl=162

Melted Cheese=144

Milk=16

?=2,151

Fun Fact: While mac and cheese is often considered an American comfort food, its origins can be traced back to Italy. The earliest known recipe for a dish resembling macaroni and cheese was recorded in the 13th-century Italian cookbook, "Liber de Coquina." This recipe, called "de lasanis," involved sheets of pasta dough cut into two-inch squares, cooked in water, and then tossed with grated cheese, likely Parmesan. Thomas Jefferson encountered a version of the dish in Paris and brought the recipe back to America, where it evolved into the creamy, baked mac and cheese that's widely loved today.