

Parents,

Hello! We are now a few days into our addition unit. Below are some suggestions or strategies to assist your child in practice his/her addition facts. It is important to teach and utilize as many methods as possible so your child has a few options to use!

Mental Math:

The main rule for mental addition is to always start with the largest number. The way it is taught is to tell the children to put the biggest number in their head and then count on i.e. $4+7$ they would start with 7 and count on 4. It is not obligatory to start with the largest number but it is far easier and leaves less room for counting errors or losing count when counting on.

Double Facts:

Double Facts are a way to quickly learn patterns and sequences of numbers.

$$1+1=2$$

$$2+2=4$$

$$3+3=6$$

$$4+4=8$$

$$5+5=10$$

$$6+6=12$$

$$7+7=14$$

$$8+8=16$$

$$9+9=18$$

Double Neighbors

Double Neighbors are also called Doubles Plus One. Here you add the double the small addend and then add one or two more.

If you know $6+6=12$ then $6+6+1=13$ or $8+8=16$ so $8+8+1=17$

Make Ten

Make Ten is important because it is easy to add a number to 10.

If you have $6+9$, think $6+10$ which is 16 but I am only adding 9, so it is 15.

or

If you have $5+9$, think $4+10$ which is 14.

Have Fun Practicing!