

Dear Family,

This week your child is learning to add two numbers by counting on.

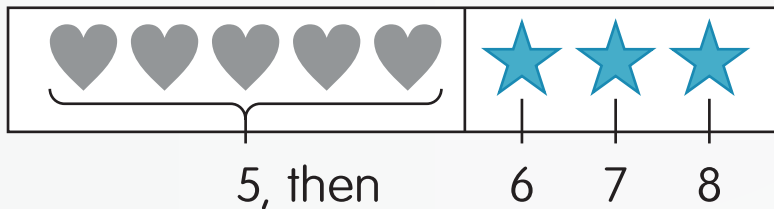


When you **count on** to add, you start with one number and then count to find a total. This strategy helps your child find the number of objects in a group without having to count every object.

**Example:** What is  $5 + 3$ ?



Start with 5. Then count on 3.



Think: 5, then 3 more is 6, 7, 8.  
So  $5 + 3 = 8$ . There are 8 stickers in all.

**Example:** What is  $2 + 7$ ?  
Start with the greater number. Think: 7, then 2 more is 8, 9.  
 $7 + 2 = 9 \longrightarrow$  So  $2 + 7 = 9$ .

Invite your child to share what he or she knows about counting on to add by doing the following activity together.

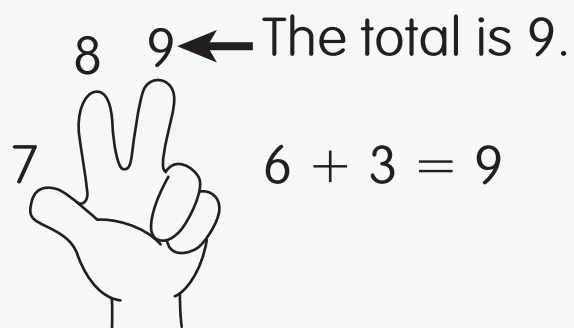


## Counting On to Add with Fingers Activity

Have your child solve several addition problems by counting on with his or her fingers.

For example, ask your child to find  $6 + 3$ .

Your child should say "6" and then hold up a finger for each number counted until 3 fingers are up. The last number counted is the total.



Ask your child to solve the following addition problems by counting on with his or her fingers. Remind your child to always start with the greater number.

$6 + 3 = \underline{\quad}$

$7 + 1 = \underline{\quad}$

$1 + 6 = \underline{\quad}$

$6 + 2 = \underline{\quad}$

$5 + 2 = \underline{\quad}$

$3 + 5 = \underline{\quad}$

