Dear Family,

This week your child is learning to write a missing addend sentence to solve a subtraction problem.
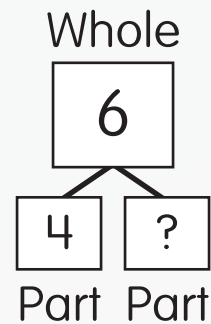
An **addend** is a number that is being added. Knowing how to use a missing addend sentence to solve a subtraction problem will help your child understand the relationship between addition and subtraction.

Example:

Write a missing addend sentence to find $6 - 4$.

Whole

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- Show $6 - 4$ in a number bond. ⟶
- Use the number bond to write a missing addend sentence: $4 + ? = 6$.
- Find the missing addend: $4 + 2 = 6$.

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Part Part

So $6 - 4 = 2$.

Invite your child to share what he or she knows about using missing addend sentences to solve addition problems by doing the following activity together.
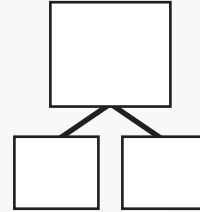
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Missing Addend Sentence Activity

Materials: 20 small objects (such as buttons, paper clips, pasta shapes, or cereal pieces), paper and pencil

Draw a large number bond that covers a full sheet of paper. Help your child use the number bond to make a missing addend sentence for solving each subtraction problem below.

Number Bond

Example:

Use a missing addend sentence to solve $7 - 4 =$ _____.

- Your child places 7 buttons in the top box of the number bond and 4 buttons in one of the bottom boxes.

- Help your child write a missing addend sentence:
  $4 +$ _____ $= 7$.

- Your child counts on or uses another method to find the missing addend and solve the subtraction problem.
  $4 + \underline{\textbf{3}} = 7$, so $7 - 4 = \underline{\textbf{3}}$.

$$7 - 4 = \underline{} \qquad 8 - 6 = \underline{}$$

$$8 - 2 = \underline{} \qquad 5 - 4 = \underline{}$$

$$6 - 3 = \underline{} \qquad 7 - 5 = \underline{}$$