Dear Family,

This week your child is learning to use the make a ten strategy to add two numbers.
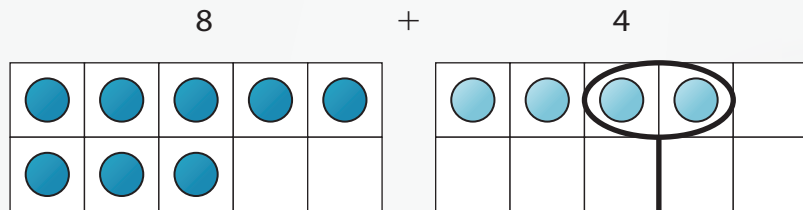
Adding two numbers can be easier when one of the numbers is 10. Using the make a ten strategy will help your child to quickly add two numbers that have a total greater than 10.
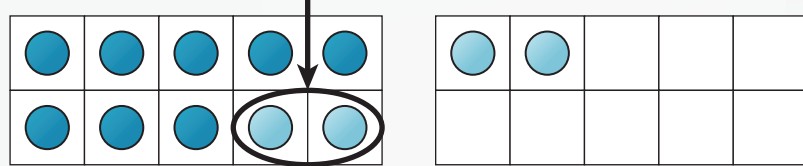
Example: Find $8 + 4$.

You can use counters to make a ten.
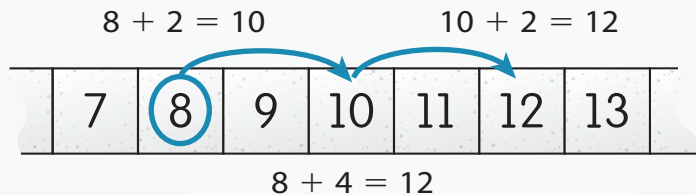
- Start with 8 counters and 4 counters.

8   +   4

- Take 2 counters from 4 to make 10.

- $10 + 2 = 12$

10   +   2

Or you can make a ten on a number path.

$8 + 2 = 10$ $10 + 2 = 12$

| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |

$8 + 4 = 12$

Invite your child to share what he or she knows about making a ten to add by doing the following activity together.
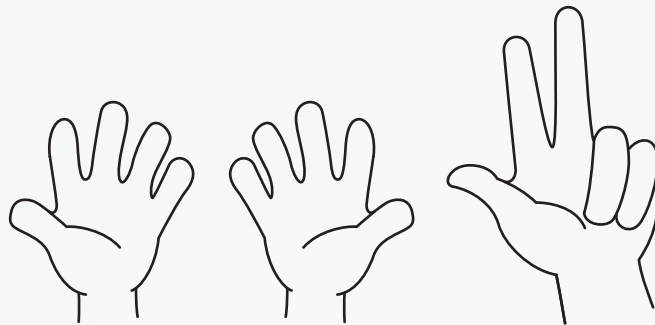
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Making a Ten to Add Activity

Help your child use fingers and the make a ten strategy to solve the problems below.

For example, ask your child to find the sum of 7 + 6.

- Have your child begin by holding up 7 fingers.
- Then he or she holds up other fingers one at a time—counting *1, 2, 3*—until all 10 fingers are up.
- Your child has already added 3 to make a ten. He or she needs to add 3 more to add a total of 6. Your child asks you to show 3 more with your fingers.
- Your child's 10 fingers and your 3 fingers make a total of 13. So, 7 + 6 = 13.

Make a ten to find 7 + 6.

$7 + 6 =$ _____ $9 + 8 =$ _____

$9 + 7 =$ _____ $8 + 3 =$ _____

$8 + 6 =$ _____ $7 + 7 =$ _____