



Dear Family,

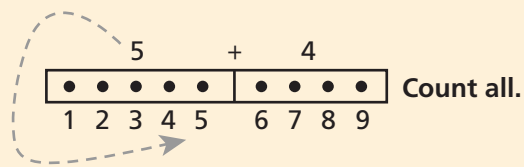
In *Math Expressions*, we teach children a faster method for addition. Instead of **counting all** the objects to find the total, children can pretend that they already counted one number and just **count on** from it to the total. Children should understand that the last number they say is the total.

Count On to Add

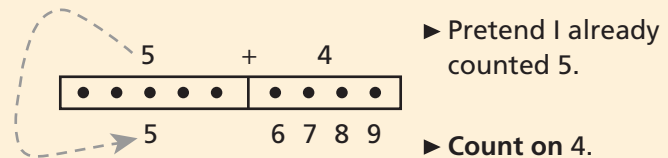
$$5 + 4 = \boxed{9}$$

Children's first method: count all

*We teach this faster method:
Count on from a number to find
the total*



Moving from counting all:



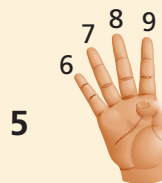
Draw dots to count on:

5 6 7 8 9
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- Draw 4 dots.
- Pretend I already counted 5.
- **Count on** from 5 to find the total.

or

Use fingers to count on:



- Show 4 fingers.
- Pretend I already counted 5.
- **Count on** from 5 to find the total.

Please call if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,
Your child's teacher