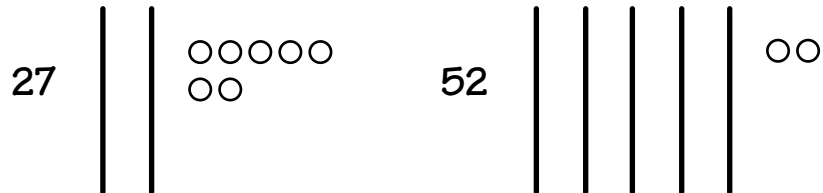


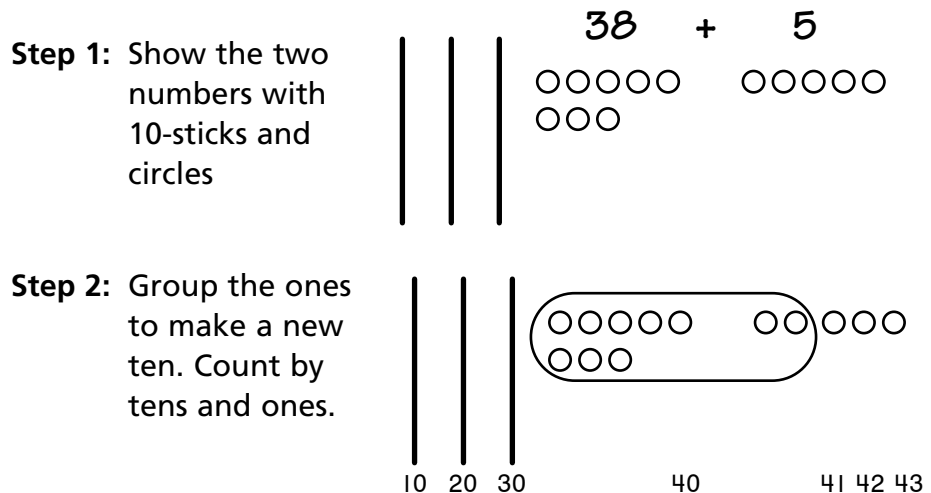


Dear Family:

To help children “see” the tens and ones in 2-digit numbers, the *Math Expressions* program uses special drawings of 10-sticks to show tens, and circles to show ones. These images help children learn place value. Below are the numbers 27 and 52 shown with 10-sticks and circles:



Soon, you will see these 10-sticks and circles on the homework pages with instructions for children to write the number. Later, the 10-sticks and circles will be used to help children solve addition problems that require regrouping (sometimes called “carrying”). When there are enough circles to make a new ten, they are circled and then added like a 10-stick. The problem below shows $38 + 5$:



Right now, your child is just beginning to show teen numbers with 10-sticks and circles. He or she might enjoy drawing some for you. Soon your child will be able to draw 10-sticks and circles for any 2-digit number.

Sincerely,
Your child's teacher