



Dear Family,

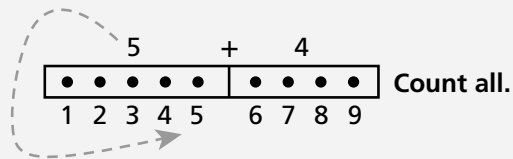
In *Math Expressions*, we teach children a faster method for addition. Instead of **counting all** the objects to find the total, children can pretend that they already counted one number and just **count on** from it to the total. Children should understand that the last number they say is the total.

Count On to Add

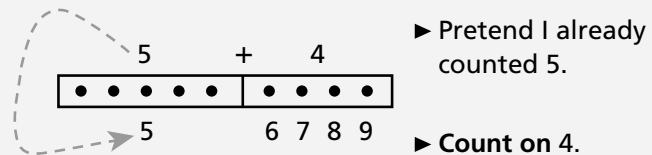
$$5 + 4 = \boxed{9}$$

Children's first method: count all

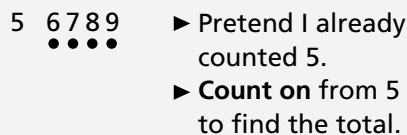
*We teach this faster method:
Count on from a number to find
the total*



Moving from counting all:

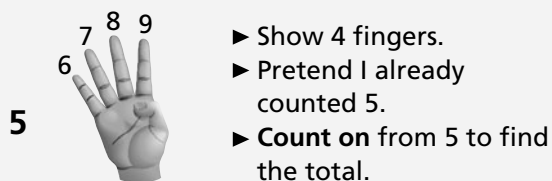


Draw dots to count on:



or

Use fingers to count on:



Please call if you have any questions or comments.

*Sincerely,
Your child's teacher*