Dear Family:

Your child is learning about partners of numbers. We call the number pairs that make up a number “partners” because they go together to make that number. For example,

- 6 has partners: 1 and 5, 2 and 4, 3 and 3

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\begin{align*}
6 &= 1 + 5 \\
6 &= 2 + 4 \\
6 &= 3 + 3
\end{align*}
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The partner idea is very important for understanding numbers. It will help your child understand addition and subtraction. You can help your child see partners in everyday life. When you have a small number of objects, for example, 5 crackers, you can ask your child to make the partners of 5. Your child can show 1 and 4 crackers and can also show 2 and 3 crackers. Doing this often with different objects will help your child understand numbers.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Your child’s teacher