Dear Family:

Throughout the year, your child will be learning how to “break apart” numbers to see the lesser numbers inside. For example, 6 = 5 and 1, 4 and 2, and 3 and 3. We call such “inside” numbers the partners of the number.

To strengthen your child’s understanding of these concepts, you can play The Partner Game with him or her. The game is played as follows:

Put out 5 objects such as buttons or crackers. Count them together. Have your child cover his or her eyes while you take a partner away. Ask your child to tell the missing amount. Now it is your turn to close your eyes!

You can play this game again and again, starting with a different total each time. Start with 5 first (because it is easiest), and then move on to 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Your child’s teacher