

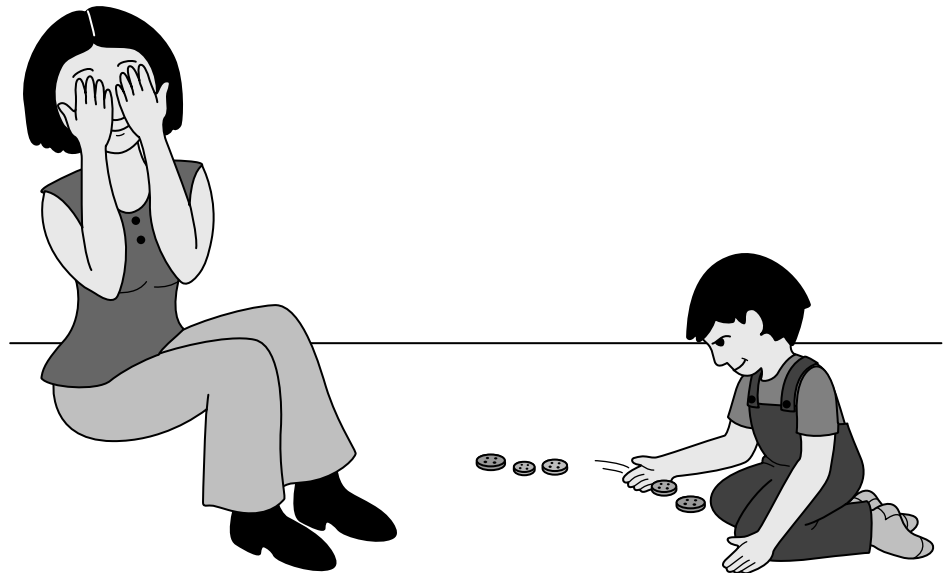


Dear Family:

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