Dear Family:

It is important that your child learn to see the ten in teen numbers. Each teen number (11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19) is made of a ten and some “extra ones.”

Please help your child at home with groups of 11–19 objects. Ask your child to show the ten, show the extra ones, and then write the number. Below are two ways to display 17 pieces of cereal in a group of ten and extra ones, shown with a sample dialogue about the cereal.

Here are some pieces of cereal. Let’s find out how many pieces we have.

Can you make a 10-group?

How many extra ones do you have?

What number is 1 ten and 7 extra ones?

Can you write it?

If you have any questions or problems, please contact me. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Your child’s teacher