Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are now working on addition and subtraction facts 11-20. The following thinking strategies for addition will be introduced in this unit.

Students should have addition fact through 10 memorized. Please work on flashcards 0-10 at home to help with fluency.

❖ <u>Make 10</u>: Split one of the numbers up in order to make a ten with the other number.

$$8 + 5 = 10 + 3 = 13$$

2   3

❖ <u>Add the ones</u>: To add <u>ones</u> (single digit) to a **ten and ones** (double digit), add the ones.

$$13 + \underline{5} = 10 + 8 = 18$$

10   3

Your student will practice these strategies and will work out number facts using these strategies before memorizing them. This concept will be used many times throughout the series in a variety of contexts and will contribute to mental math strategies for larger numbers.

If you have any questions please ask!

Thank You,

First Grade Teachers