Our students who have mastered 1-10 often show great interest in jumping on to challenging math works (mostly that they have observed kindergarten students exploring). In order to continue to cultivate their interest and excitement in math we can begin to introduce basic addition and subtraction. Basic addition and subtraction begins with equations that never equal more than 10. We need a strong understanding of 11-20 and upward before offering math equations that begin with or equal more than 10. Similar to basic 1-10, addition and subtraction can be made tangible with any at home objects. We often use blocks or legos at school to demonstrate addition and subtraction. For any simple equation (ex. $5+4$ ) you can fill a bowl with legos or toy dinosaurs or pinto beans or toilet paper; have your child separate 5 in one pile and 4 in another, ask them to join them together and count the total. For subtraction it is very much the same (ex. 9-5):have your child count a pile of 9 then take away 5 and count the total remaining. We use the terms "joining together" for addition and "take away" for subtraction, our kindergarteners are all familiar with the operative symbols and are able to complete basic equations with minimal help.






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