Helper Facts

Family Note

Today we learned about helper facts. Helper facts are facts that we already know and that we can use to help us find answers to facts we may not know. Because we learned the doubles facts (such as $2 + 2 = 4$ and $3 + 3 = 6$) in first grade, we can use them now as helper facts. For example, knowing $4 + 4 = 8$ can help us figure out the answer to $4 + 5$. We see that $4 + 5$ is 1 more than $4 + 4$, so the answer is 9. We can also use $4 + 4 = 8$ to figure out the answer to $4 + 3$. We see that $4 + 3$ is 1 less than $4 + 4$, so the answer is 7.

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Helper facts can help you figure out answers to other facts. Doubles facts can be helper facts.

Example:

$3 + 2 = ?$ $3 + 4 = ?$

Helper fact: $3 + 3 = 6$

$3 + 2 = \underline{\ 5\ }$ $3 + 4 = \underline{\ 7\ }$

(1) $5 + 4 = ?$ $5 + 6 = ?$

Helper fact: $5 + 5 =$ _____

$5 + 4 =$ _____ $5 + 6 =$ _____

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(2) $? = 7 + 6$ $? = 7 + 8$

Helper fact: _____ $= 7 + 7$

_____ $= 7 + 6$ _____ $= 7 + 8$

Solve. Write a helper fact that can help you figure out the answer.

(3) $4 + 3 = ?$

Helper fact: _____ $+$ _____ $=$ _____

$4 + 3 =$ _____

Tell someone at home what you know about helper facts.