# Drop the Timer and Step Away from the Flashcards

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## Increasing Fact Fluency

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#### The Power of Strategies

#### Fluency versus Memorization

- What is Fluency?
- What is Memorization?
- ♦ How are these ideas alike?
- How are these ideas different?
- What do the Standards say about fluency and memorization?

#### Standards

- ▶ K.OA.5 Fluently add and subtract within 5.
- ▶ 1.OA.6 Add and subtract within 20, demonstrating fluency for addition and subtraction within 10...
- 2.OA.2 Fluently add and subtract within 10 using mental strategies. By the end of grade 2, know from memory all sums of two one-digit numbers.
- ▲ 2.NBT.5 Fluently add and subtract within 100 using strategies based on place value, properties of operations and/or the relationship between addition and subtraction.

### Specific Strategies (as stated in the Standards)

- Counting on
- Making ten
- Decomposing a number leading to a ten
- Using the relationship between addition and subtraction
- Creating equivalent but easier or known sums

#### Other Addition Strategies

- Doubles
- Doubles plus 1
- ♦ Add with 10
- ♦ Add with 9

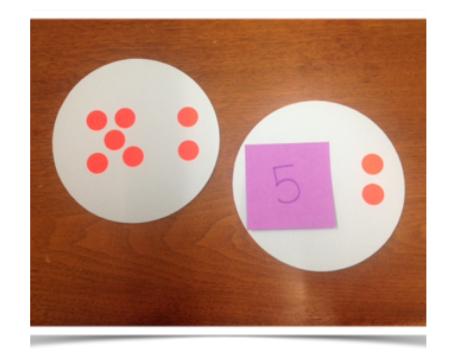
Let's look at each strategy!

#### Strategy Chart

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#### Counting On

- Shift from "counting all" to "counting on"
- Subitizing plates and dots
- "Cup and up"
- Dice games

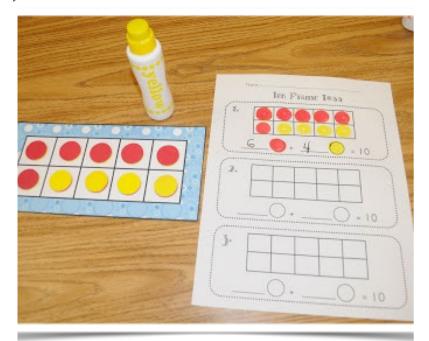


### Strategy Chart Counting Up

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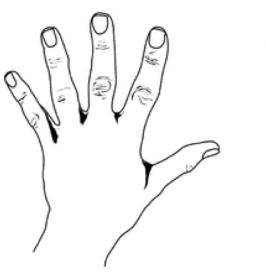
#### Make a Ten

- ♦ Ten frames (Roll die, fill the frame)
- Paint Palettes
- Fingers (How many fingers don't you see?)
- "Shake and Spill"
- Playing Cards



#### Make a Ten







http://etc.usf.edu/clipart/

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#### Add with Zero

- Zero is more abstract
- Empty containers

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#### Doubles

- Dominoes
- ♦ Class-created "anchors"

#### **DOUBLES FACTS**



Shoes Fact

1+1=2



Cat Fact

2+2=4



Ladybug Fact

3+3=6



Spider Fact

4+4=8



Gloves Fact

5+5=<mark>10</mark>



Dozen Eggs Fact

6+6=12



Days Fact

7+7=14



Crayon Fact

8+8=16



Domino Fact

9+9=18



Hand and Foot Fact

10+10-=20

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#### Add with Nine

$$hlton n + 9 = ?$$

- ♦ Think...n + 10 ... But one less
- 5 + 9 = ? Think... IF 5 + 10 = 15 THEN... 5 + 9 = 14

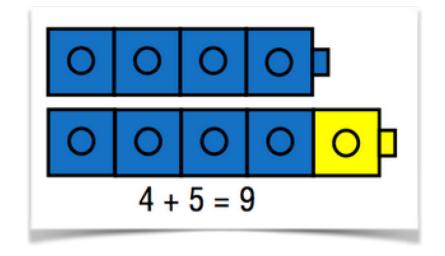
- Base Ten blocks
- Hundreds Chart
- Number Talks

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### Doubles Plus/Minus One (Neighbor Numbers)

- 4 + 5 = ? Think 4 + 4, and 1 more
- Linking Cubes
- Number Talks
   IF 6 + 6 = 12
   THEN 6 + 7 = 13



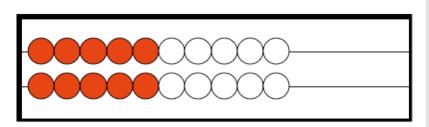
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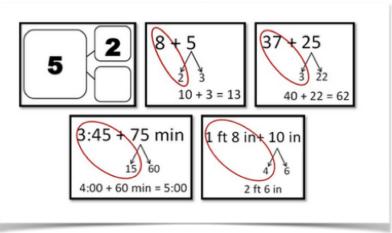
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#### Add With Ten (Complete a Ten)

- For the facts that might not be solved using one of the other strategies.
- Double ten frames
- Rekenrek
- ◆ Decompose one number, thinking about how to "complete a ten"
- This thinking paves the way for other mental math and regrouping understanding.

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#### 3 Steps to Fact Mastery

Arthur J. Baroody (2006) Gina King & Jennifer M. Bay-Williams (2006, 2015)

- Modeling and/or counting to find the answer
- Deriving answers using reasoning strategies based on known facts
- Mastery (efficient production of answers)

#### Be intentional!

- Make your plan to use strategies (Pacing guide)
- Learning Centers
- ♦ Choose you numbers carefully
- Number talks "IF I know... THEN I also know ... "
- Dice, dominoes, playing cards

#### Math Anxiety

- Math has never been my favorite subject. To be honest, it is the subject that I cannot stand. My dislike with math began in my early years. Doing times test in school was never the highlight of my day, because I never could finish the tests and I always seemed to miss so many of the problems. B4 (opening statement)
- ▲ I remember in second grade I was terrified of the timed multiplication tests. These tests filled me with anxiety and fear. In second grade I was still using my fingers to help with simple addition and subtraction so the thought of having to memorize multiplication tables was horrifying. B20

#### What about timed tests?

- Accuracy rather than speed
- Track personal progress
- What is best for your students?

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