Simple Addition

Preschool  |  Math  |  60 minutes

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Give your students a head start in math with this lesson that teaches them how to add single-digit numbers together using manipulatives.

Learning Objectives

Students will be able to add two single-digit numbers together.

Materials and Preparation

- Simple Addition # 4 worksheet
- Pencils
- Manipulatives
- Blank paper

Key Terms:

Lesson

Introduction (10 minutes)

- Call the students together as a group.
- Ask them if they know how to add.
- Take responses by raised hands.
- Show the students two manipulatives.
- Ask a student to add the two manipulatives.
- Take responses by raised hands.
- Reiterate to the students one plus one equals two.
- Write the equation 1 + 1 = 2 on the whiteboard.
- Inform students that today they will learn to add.

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Explicit Instruction/Teacher Modeling *(10 minutes)*

- Write the following vertical equations on the whiteboard 1+3= ___, 3+2= ___, and 4+2= ____.
- Explain to students that addition can be done using manipulatives.
- Complete the first addition problem with one manipulative in each hand.
- Inform students that in order to complete the addition equation the items must be added altogether.
- Ask the students to count the manipulatives repeating after you.
- While holding up the manipulatives one at a time, count to four.
- Inform the students that one plus three equals four.
- Complete the addition problems 3+2 and 4+2 in the same way.

Guided Practice/Interactive Modeling *(10 minutes)*

- Give each student a pencil and a blank piece of paper.
- Give each student two sets of manipulatives to add together. Don’t give anymore than 5 in each set.
- Ask students to count the number of manipulatives in each set, and record the amounts on a piece of paper.
- Ask students to add the two numbers together.
- Walk around the room and check the students' addition problems.
- Give the students assistance when needed.

Independent Working Time *(10 minutes)*

- Give each student a Simple Addition #4 worksheet and a pencil.
- Read the instructions to the students.
- Allow them to complete the worksheet.
Extend

Differentiation

- **Enrichment:** Give the students a worksheet without manipulatives. Evaluate if they can add doing mental math. Allow students to add numbers higher than 5.
- **Support:** Give the students a worksheet to count items and write the number to represent the amount of items.

Review

Assessment *(10 minutes)*

- Grade the worksheet completed during independent working time.
- Give feedback and allow for reinforcement if the student did not master the concept of addition.

Review and Closing *(10 minutes)*

- Call the students together as a group.
- Have them use their fingers to add numbers together.