

Dear Family,

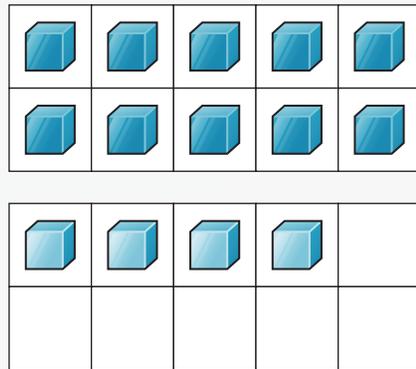
This week your child is learning about teen numbers.



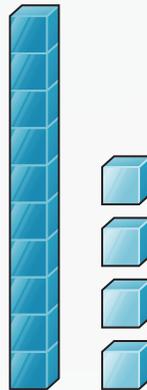
The numbers 11–19 are **teen numbers**. Your child is learning to recognize teen numbers as a ten and some ones. For example, 12 can be understood as 1 ten and 2 ones. Thinking of teen numbers as a ten and some ones will help your child prepare for adding and subtracting two-digit numbers.

In class, your child will use connecting cubes to explore teen numbers. For example, cubes can be used to show 14.

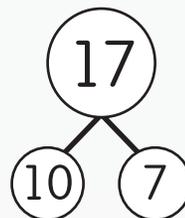
Put 14 cubes in 10-frames.



Connect 10 cubes to make 1 ten and 4 ones.



Your child will also use number bonds to show teen numbers.



$$17 = 10 + 7$$

Invite your child to share what he or she knows about teen numbers by doing the following activity together.



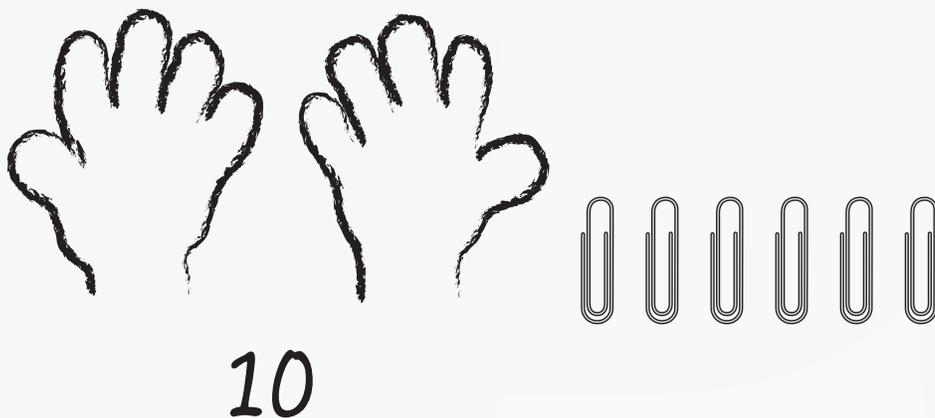
Teen Numbers Activity

Materials: paper, pencil, 9 small objects (such as buttons, paper clips, or pasta shapes)

Ask your child to place his or her hands on a sheet of paper. Trace around your child's hands and then have him or her write the number 10 underneath the picture. This picture represents one group of 10. Explain to your child that he or she will place different amounts of objects next to the picture to show teen numbers.

For example:

- Ask your child to show 16.
- Your child should place 6 paper clips next to the hands picture.
- Encourage your child to explain how the picture and paper clips show 16. He or she might say "16 is 1 ten and 6 ones."



Repeat the activity until your child has shown all the teen numbers.

