

Addition Strip Board — Memorizing Addition Facts

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

The child uses the Montessori addition strip board to practice and begin memorizing addition facts. The strip board provides a visual, hands-on tool for seeing that $7+5=12$ and beginning to internalize these facts for automatic recall.

What You Need:

- Montessori addition strip board
- Red strips (1-9)
- Blue strips (1-9)
- Recording sheet or addition chart
- Pencil
- Blank addition flash cards (optional)

Steps:

1. Present the addition strip board: a board marked 1-18 with red and blue numbered strips.
2. This board helps us see addition and remember our facts!
3. Demonstrate: 'Let us find $7 + 5$. Place the red 7 strip starting at 1. Now place the blue 5 strip right after it. Where does it end? 12!'
4. Record: $7 + 5 = 12$.
5. Work through a set of facts: all combinations that make 10 ($1+9$, $2+8$, $3+7$, $4+6$, $5+5$)
6. These are the FRIENDS OF TEN! They are very important to remember.'
7. Practice with flash speed: 'Quick! $4 + 6 = ?$ ' Check on the board if needed.
8. Child works through 10-15 addition facts, recording each.
9. Circle any facts the child knows instantly — these are mastered!

Work Space:



