**HOME LINK 6·4**   **Family Letter**

Fact Triangles

Your child should cut apart the triangles on page 172. Notice that each triangle has the three numbers used in a fact family on it. Use these triangles like flash cards to practice addition and subtraction facts.

The number below the dot is the sum of the other two numbers. For example, 8 is the sum of 5 and 3.

To practice addition, cover the sum. Your child then adds the numbers that are not covered. For example, if you cover 8, your child adds 5 and 3.

To practice subtraction, cover one of the numbers at the bottom of the triangle. Your child then subtracts the uncovered number at the bottom from the sum. For example, if you cover 3, your child subtracts 5 from 8. If you cover 5, your child subtracts 3 from 8.
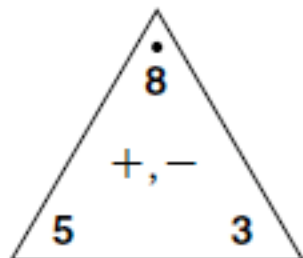
Fact Triangles have two advantages over regular flash cards.

1. They reinforce the strong link between addition and subtraction.

2. They help simplify the memorizing task by linking four facts together. Knowing a single fact means that you really know four facts.

$$5 + 3 = 8$$
$$3 + 5 = 8$$
$$8 - 5 = 3$$
$$8 - 3 = 5$$

Save this set of Fact Triangles in an envelope or a plastic bag to continue practicing addition and subtraction facts with your child when you have time.

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