

# Academic Spotlight

## Addition and Subtraction Within Numbers to 20

First Graders in Mrs. Perry's classroom have been hard at work this last month building fluency with addition to twenty and subtraction within numbers to ten. This lesson began with a warm up of defining the different addition and subtraction strategies we have discovered in First Grade so far. Students were asked to pick one strategy that they were comfortable with and then one they wanted to work on gaining confidence with in this lesson.

Students then got to choose if they wanted to practice their addition skills, or subtraction skills to create something special for the Holiday Season. They worked as teams at tables to solve some very tricky problems and named strategies with peers and Mrs. Perry's help. Most students in our classroom thus far in the school year are most comfortable with counting on from a lower number, and counting one by one. These skills are very important in First Grade to continuously practice and students in this classroom will continue working on these skills with higher addends.

**A very Happy Holidays From Mrs. Perry's Class!**



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