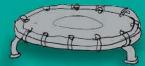


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To my brother Mike, the numbers guy in our family —B.P.C.



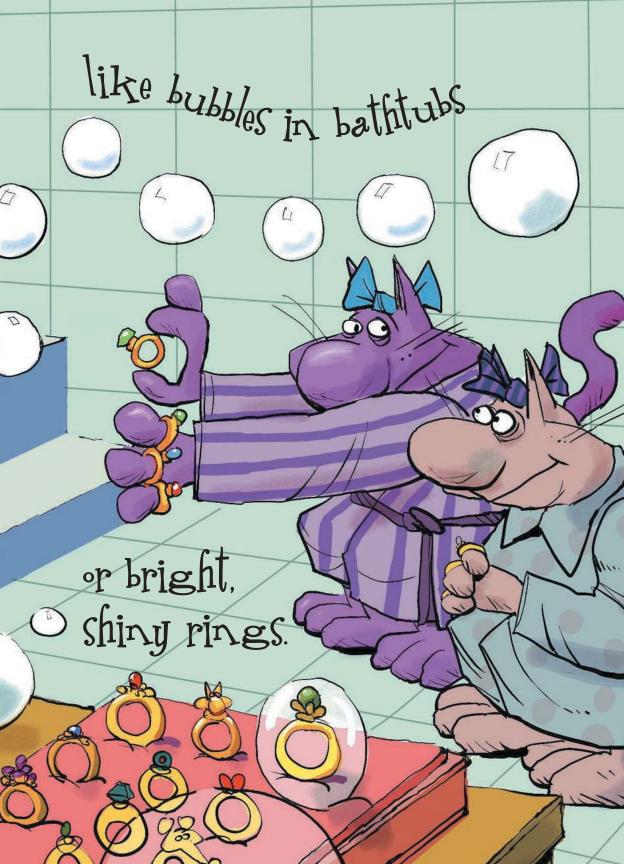


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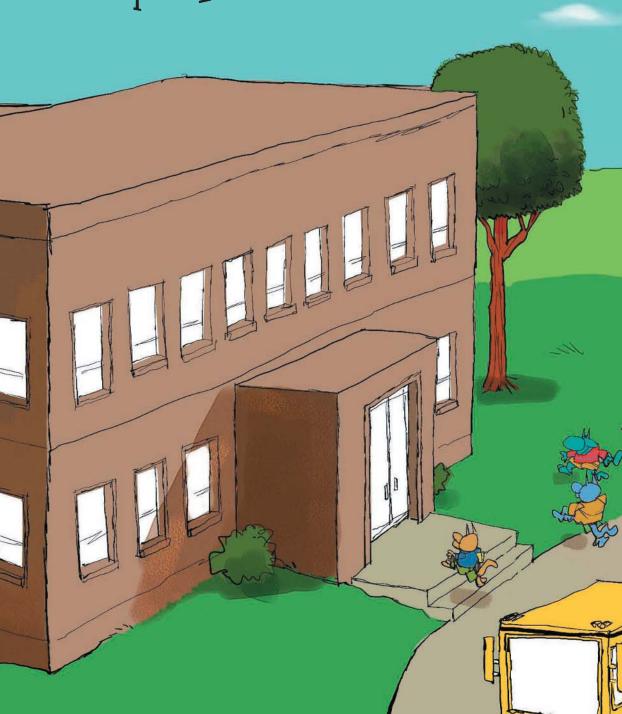
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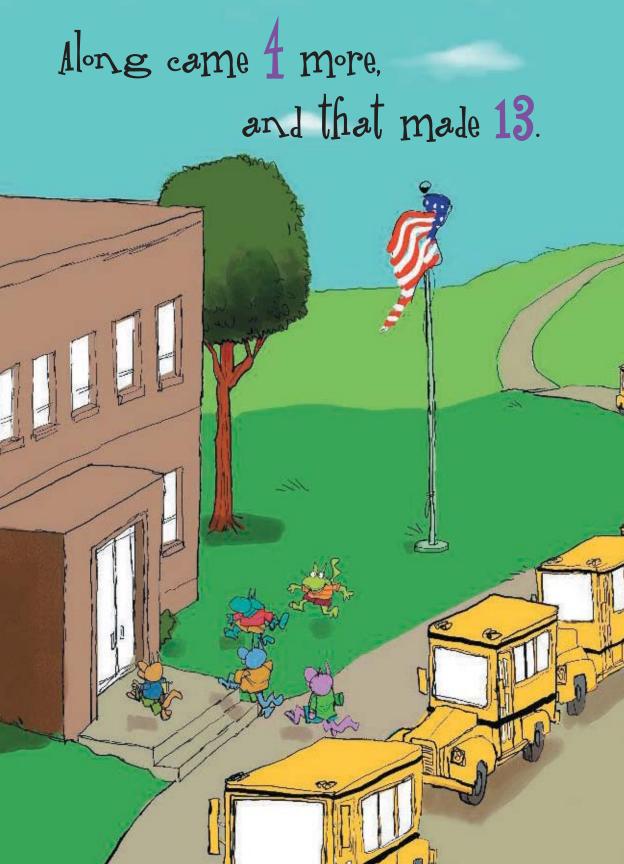


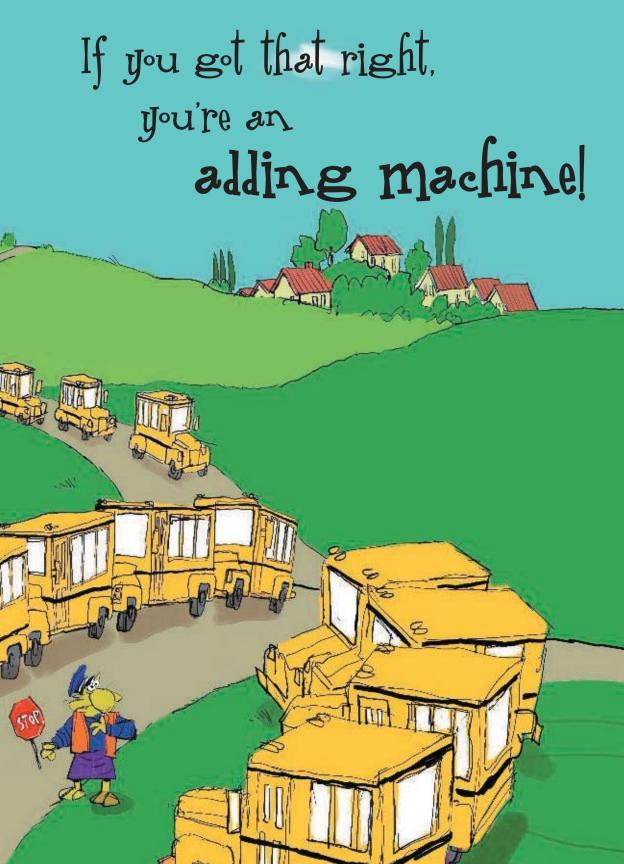
6 yellow buses Were parked in a line.



3 pulled behind them, and then there were 9.







To add is to make bigger
the total number of
whatever you are counting up,



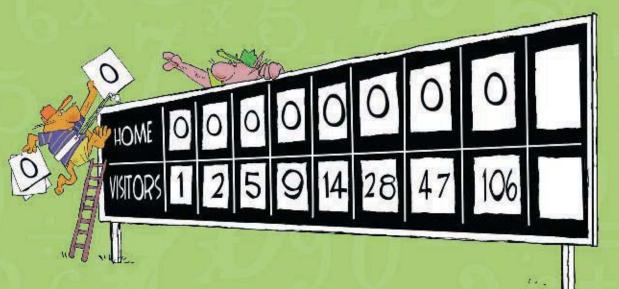
7 batters
plus 2 more

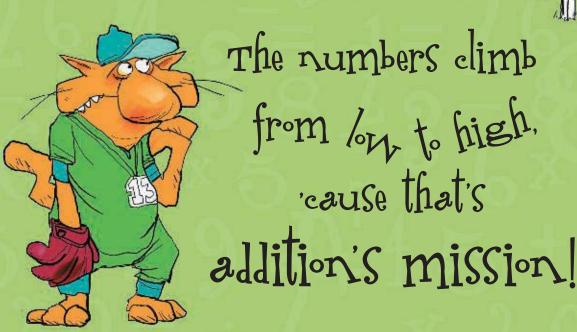


The number just gets bigger with each one who has batted.



No amount gets smaller when you're working in addition.





The Johnsons had 1 babysitter.

Gretche was her name.

She cried "Help"

So, number 2,
Miss Higgenbottom,
came.



3rd came Mrs. Klinklehorn.
4th was Mrs. Stein.







5th was Caitlyn MacNamee,

and 6th was Mr. Lee,
and 1 more
totaled 10 in all
to watch that crew of 3.

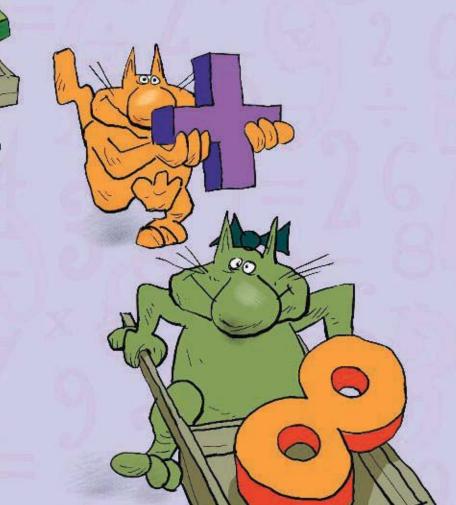
You see,
to add means to increase.
It's a way of showing more,

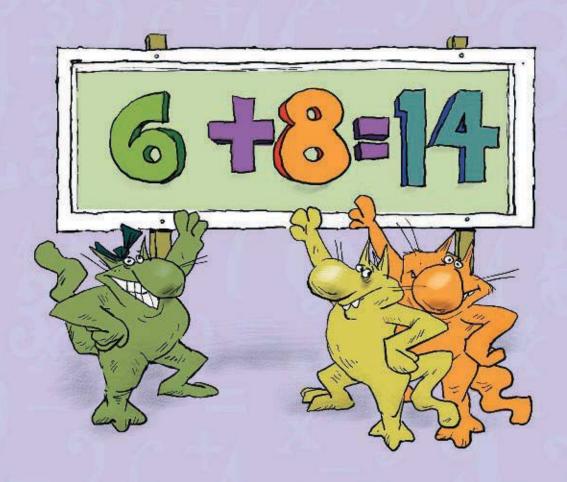
whether counting babysitters



or bread crusts on the floor.

"Plus" can be used
just like "and."
It helps us
When We count,





combining all the numbers till we get the full amount.

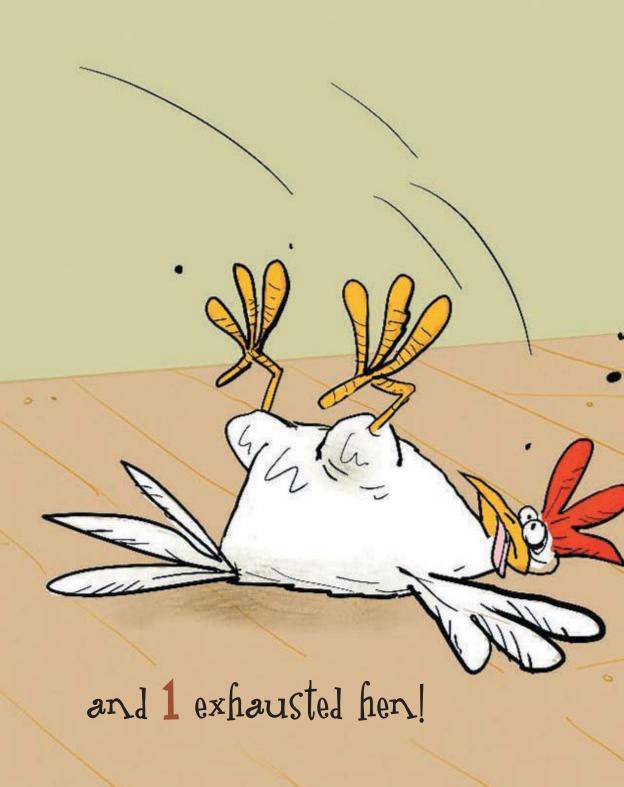
"Equals" can be used like "is,"
or "totals,"

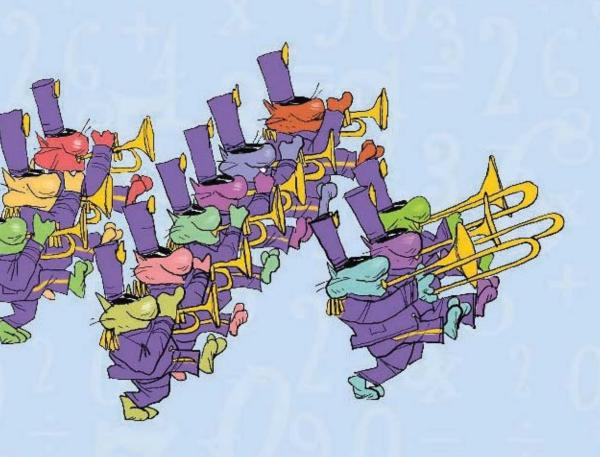


It doesn't matter if you're adding friends or birthday cakes



So, if a her lays 7 eggs plus 3, plus 4. plus 10, the total equals 24.



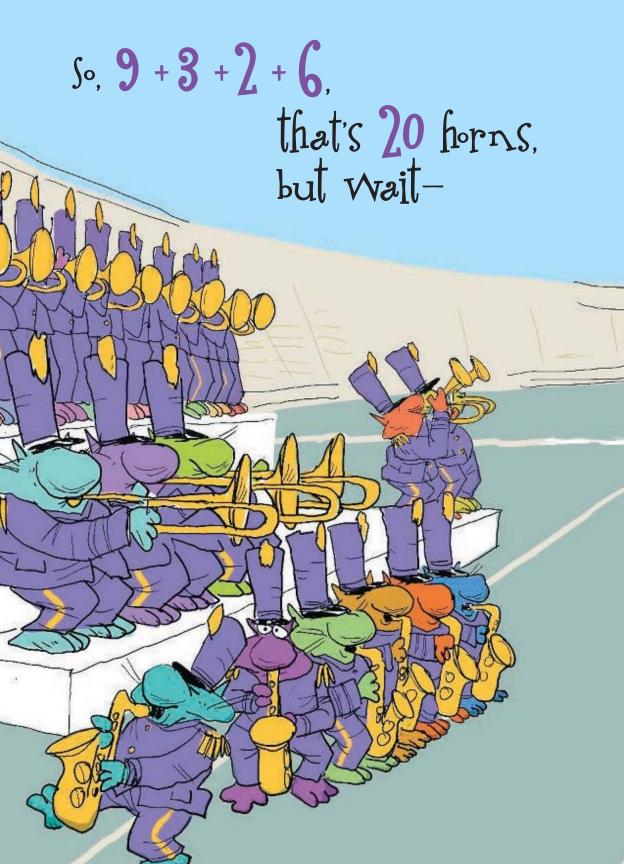


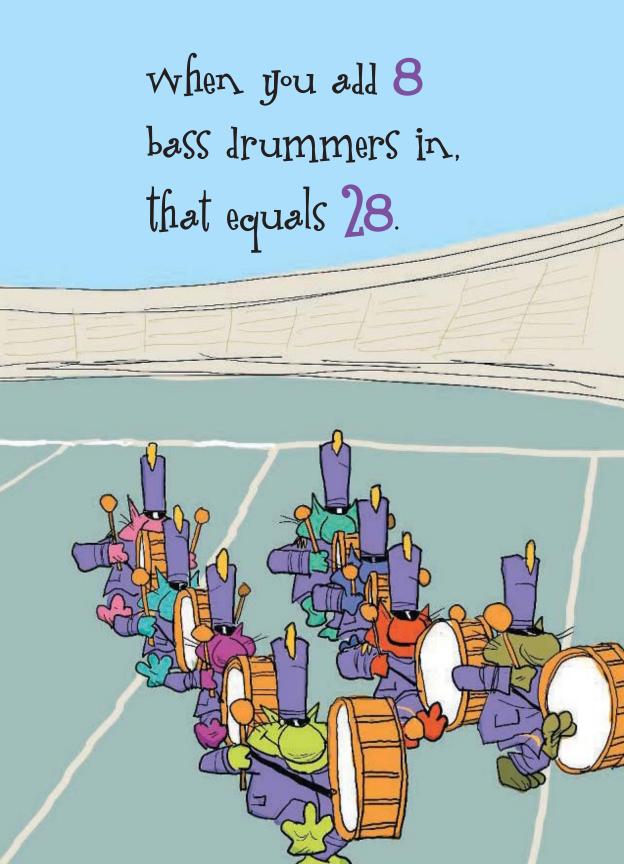
In counting the musicians in the marching band at school, you add up all the players from each group.

Just look, it's cool!



9 are playing trumpet,
plus 3 are on trombone.
2 more jam on flügelhorn
and 6 on Saxophone.





So, when it comes to counting, don't worry, fret, or fuss.



You'll find that knowing how to add is very much a plus!







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