Estimate Sums

Homework

Dear Family Member:

Students are using strategies to estimate sums. To estimate 27 + 52 you could use friendly numbers. Friendly numbers are often tens. For example, the closest ten to 27 is 30 and the closest ten to 52 is 50, so an estimate of 80 is reasonable. You could also add tens. 27 has 2 tens and 52 has 5 tens, so an estimated sum of 7 tens or 70 could also be made. Another strategy is to use coins. 27 is close to a quarter and 52 is close to two more quarters, so an estimate of 75 is reasonable. Have your child talk to you about the estimation strategy he or she used in some of the problems below.

Thank you.

Pick two price tags and cross them out. Estimate their sum. Use the 200 Chart to help you find friendly numbers. Show or tell how you estimated.

13¢	54¢	48¢	27¢
77¢	22¢	61¢	36¢
47¢	39¢	41¢	25¢

1. I picked _____ and _____.

The sum is about _____.