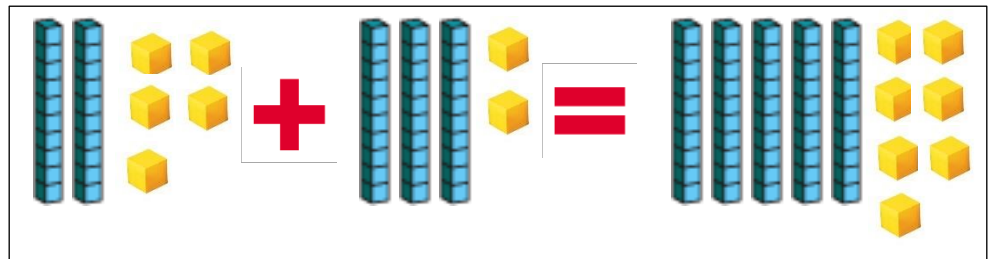# Math Strategies For Adding and Subtracting 2 Digit Numbers

- This is something that we just started working on.
- Students were choosing their own strategies to help with this aspect. Using what works best for them.
- There is more than one way to get your answer.
- Once they figured out the answer, they would explain how they got it. What strategy did they use?
- Some like to add the tens together first and then add the ones and add them together.
- Drawing out the problem using base 10 blocks is a good strategy. We used the blocks in class to show our work.
- They can see that the tens go together and the ones go together. We did a lot of work with this with place value.
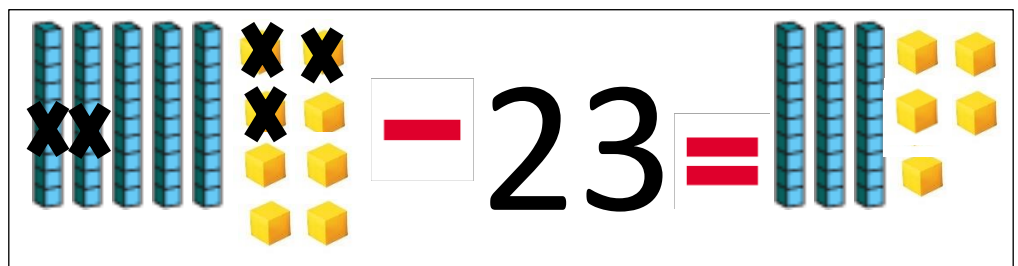- Rods = 10 and Units = 1

Example:

25 + 32 = _____

25 + 32 = 57

- Make the first number. Then make the number you are adding to it. Add the tens together. Add the ones together. You get your answer.

58 – 23 = _____

58 – 23 = 35

- Make the first number. Cross off the tens and ones for the number you are taking away. What is left is your answer.