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Addition and Subtraction Bugaloo
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I'm a mathematician and I'm here to say,
I study number strategies every day.
Sometimes I study addition, sometimes subtraction,
Sometimes I study their interaction.

Adding, subtracting, with strategies and tools,
Doing the mental math bugaloo!

Counting on is one strategy I use,
It keeps my mind calm so I don't blow a fuse.
Start with the biggest number and count some more,
Adding is easy when conserving's in your core.

Making five or ten is a strategy as well,
It's help with subtraction sure is swell.
Start with the biggest number and count back the smaller,
This gives you the difference so you look like a scholar.

Fact families are another strategy that can be stated,
They help me understand how math is related.
Addition can do a quick turn around,
Now with subtraction, the answer can be found.