Mathematical moments: Adding with 5 & 6 year olds



6-year-old K loved to play with the Numberblocks.

One day whilst playing, she asked, "What do you get if you add all these Numberblocks together?"

K and her friends talked about the best way to count (we had just been talking about counting by grouping that morning) and they realised counting in ones would take them a long time.

K decided to group them by 10, using her knowledge of number bonds. She then counted to 50 and added the 5 that was left. She then said, "I'm going to write the longest number sentence I have ever seen!"



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