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Let your students practice their addition facts with these fun Tree Shaped Puzzles. Each of the three puzzles will have students match 22 different addition problems within 20 by correctly putting the 16 piece tree together.

This will help address Common Core State Standards 1.0A.C.6 and 2.0A.B.2.

These puzzles are meant to be somewhat of a challenge. Students will have to keep in mind the shape of the tree. The four center pieces will be the most challenging. Tell students to rotate them around until they fit. This is where their critical thinking skills will come into play!

There are two options for the puzzles. One option is each of the three puzzles in its full turkey shape. The other option is the puzzle pieces separate so students do not know the final shape. These "cut out" sheets are meant to be given directly to the students to cut out and put together so they don't know the shape. These will be more challenging. But they are no prep – just print and go!

<u>Preparation and Storage:</u> You will need to print off the number of copies you need. (I recommend printing them on cardstock and laminating them.) I have used these as individual work, partner work, and small group work. They also work well for students who finish early or for use during center time. Cut the puzzles out and put them into plastic baggies for students' use. I put each set in its own plastic baggie. Then I put all of these baggies and one original sheet in a manila envelope with the name of the activity on the front. This way I have the answer key and all materials readily available.

If you want the students to do the cutting — simply print out the "pre cut" puzzles and hand one sheet to each child. Easy. Done! NO PREP!

<u>Directions to Play</u>: Give students the cut-up puzzle sheet. Tell them they need to put the tree puzzle back together. The first time you have the students complete one of these. You can also give them the hint (because I have found some do <u>not</u> figure this out!) that the turkey needs to be fully formed when they are done.

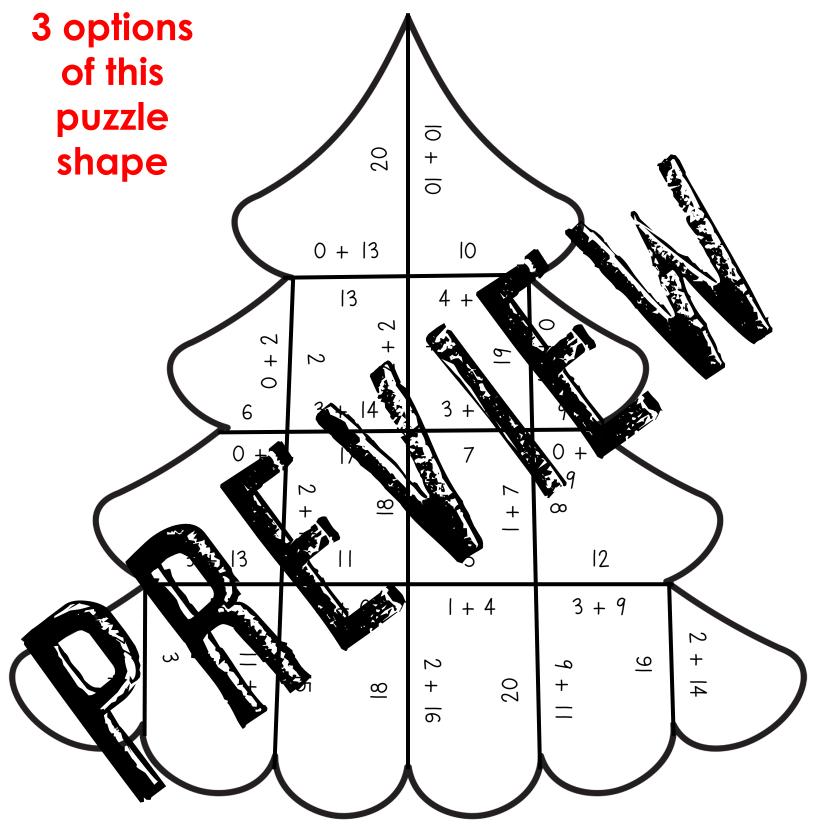
<u>Correcting Student Work:</u> To easily check a student's completed work, keep an original copy of the puzzle sheet they are working on. This way you can immediately check to see if the

pieces and numbers are in the correct order

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Addition Tree Puzzle #1 Numbers through 20

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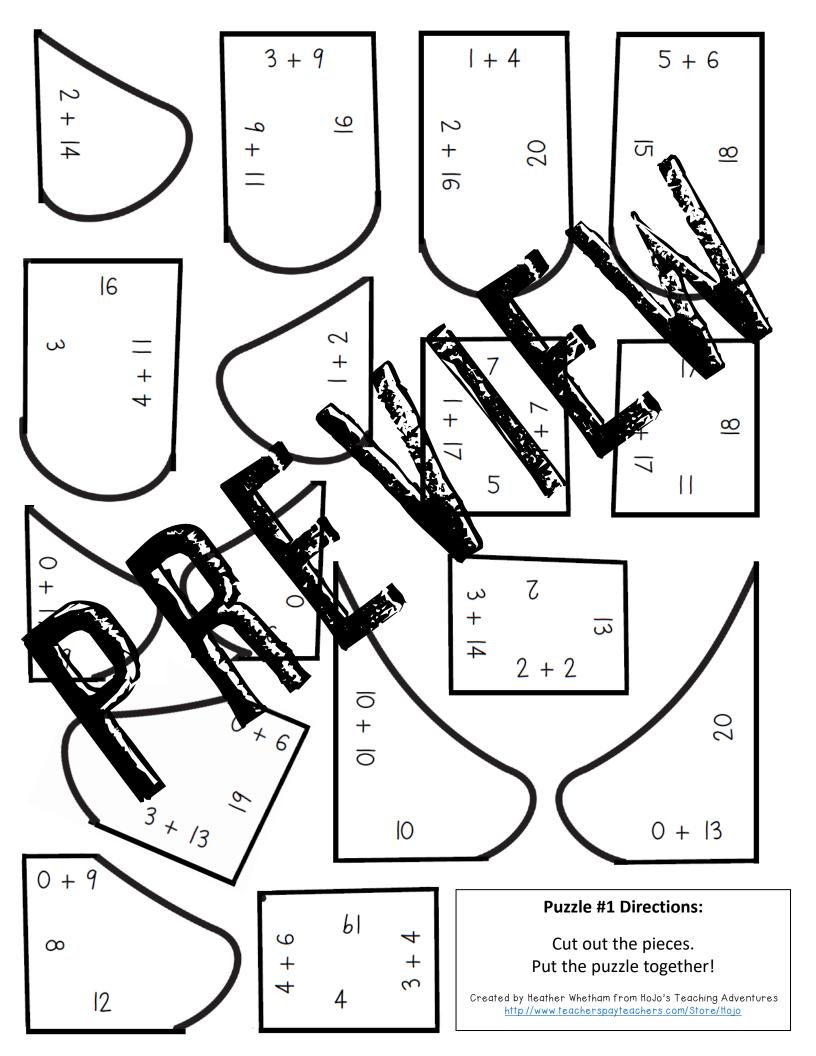
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ADDITION DIGITAL CHRISTMAS TREE PUZZLES



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My name is Heather. I'm a certified **elementary and special education teacher** in the state of South Dakota. I am also certified to be a K-12 Reading Specialist or Principal.

My classroom experience has ranged from **preK-6th grade**. I've taught everything from a regular gen ed classroom to inclusion special education to Reading Recovery to a multigrade classroom of ELL students.

All of these varied experiences have given me a chance to really see that teaching is all about "fun, engaged, impactful relationships & learning". (This has also become my blogging mantra!) Treat students with respect and they will do almost anything for you! Once you've built the relationships, the learning will come.

After seven years in the classroom I become a K-6 principal at two schools and K-12 district special education director. I'm now home caring for our two children and working online. I miss the students and staff, but I love still having my hands in education through my online endeavors.

If you have any questions about me, my resources, or my blog – please reach out! I love connecting with other educators from around the world!

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