Walk to School Day

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It was finally October 3rd and Quinn and Sara’s school was celebrating national walk to school day! They were very excited because all of their friends were walking together! Their teachers were even meeting them on their street to walk too!

Mr. Saunter the Principal of the school was also excited about meeting the children on their streets and walking with their families to school! He loved to hear their stories about their soccer games or about the book they were reading! Mr. Saunter left his office nice and early and started walking across the street to where most of his students lived. He had hoped many families remembered to walk to school this morning. It was very quiet and he was all alone.

**\*Model on the Teacher Math Rack: move one counter over**

Just then he heard two children coming out of their doors! They remembered it was walk to school day! Sara and Quinn could not believe their Principal was waiting for them on their street! “Are you ready to walk to school?” asked the Principal.

Sara and Quinn let out a very excited “We’re ready!”

The two children set off down the road with the principal.

**\*move two more counters on the rack**

As they walked on and chatted about school the principal and the two children met three more children at the stop sign! They were three girls from Quinn’s class. “Would you like to join us as we walk the rest of the way to school?”

“Yes!” answered the children and they were very excited to walk to school today! “Usually we get dropped off in the car but today we get to walk!”

So the three girls walked along behind the principal, Sara, and Quinn.

**\*Add three more counters to the other side of the rack.**

As the group walked closer to school and crossed the street they saw some buses stopped at the drive to the school! Even the bus drivers were letting the children off to walk to school with their Principal! Four kindergarteners were feeling nervous about walking to school! Sara asked the kindergarteners to walk with them and they would all hold hands up the drive together!

So the four kindergarteners walked with Sara, Quinn, the three girls and the principal.

**\*Now move the last four beads over on the top.**

As the group walked along and turned the corner to walk toward the building they saw five teachers waiting for children. They could help and walk them to their classrooms. “Just in time, the bell is about to ring and your teachers will be so excited to hear about your walk to school!” Said Mrs. Mosey.

So the five teachers followed behind Sara, Quinn, the three girls, and the four kindergarteners.

**Move five beads on the bottom of the rack over.**

The last bell rang and the teachers knew their classrooms would have children waiting for them! So the group dropped the five teachers off in the office to get their mail so they could get back to their classes!

**\*move five beads back to the other side of the rack**

The four kindergarteners were feeling very nervous again because they were not sure how to get back to their rooms from the office yet! So the three girls, Sara, Quinn, and the Principal dropped the kindergarten children off to their classrooms. “Have a great day!” said their Principal, “Thanks for walking with us!”

**\*move four more beads back to the other side.**

The three girls realized they had to say the morning announcements and the pledge over the loud speaker. They quickly walked to the office so the announcements would not be late!

**\*move three more beads over to the other side of the rack.**

Sara and Quinn walked were very helpful with the kindergarteners. Mr. Saunter made sure they got to their classes and made sure the teachers did not mark them late! “Thanks Sara and Quinn! I really enjoyed our walk! And thanks for helping with the other children!”

**\*move two more beads over to the other side.**

Mr. Saunter liked walking with the children and felt happy to have company! He thought he better get back to the office because it was time for the announcements. He wanted to be sure to tell the school how nice it was to walk to school and see so many others walking with their friends and family!