

Parent Help Card
Adding Fractions

Example 1: At Jones Elementary $\frac{2}{5}$ of the students chose pizza for lunch and $\frac{1}{5}$ of the students chose tacos for lunch. The other students chose ham and cheese sandwiches. What fraction of the students chose pizza or tacos?

1. Explain that when we are asked for “pizza or tacos”, we will add these two fractions together.

$$\frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{5} =$$

2. Add the numerators.

$$\frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{3}{5}$$

3. Keep the denominators the same.

$$\frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{3}{5}$$

4. Reduce if necessary

Now you try:

Example 2: Michael fed his dog $\frac{1}{3}$ cup of dry dog food twice each day. What is the total amount of dog food he fed his dog in one day?

