Parent Tip

"Addition for Subtraction" (Fact Families)

The next <u>subtracting</u> math fact strategy that your child has learned is "Addition for Subtraction" or fact families.

Meet "The Incredibles"

<u>The Incredibles</u> are a family of superheroes (dad, mom, sister, brother). They are all related—just like there are *related* adding and subtracting facts.

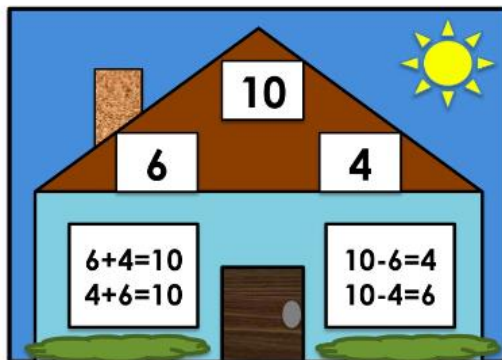## "Addition for Subtraction" (Fact Families)

"Addition for Subtraction" is a good strategy to use when you do not know the subtracting answer. Instead... think adding.

When you use "addition for subtraction" you think what is the related addition math fact?

<u>Example:</u> 10 - 4 = ?, *think* 4 + ? = 10; 4 + 6 = 10 So 10 - 4 = 6 The answer is 6.

For every math fact there are 2 addition facts and 2 subtraction facts—the fact family!

So, if I know that 4 + 6 = 10, I know 6 + 4 = 10, and 10 - 4 = 6 and 10 - 6 = 4