WE ARE ONE: HOW THE WORLD ADDS UP

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The whole is greater than the sum of its parts—and unity and connection are most important of all—in a beautifully illustrated counting book with a timely message.

Use We Are One: How the World Adds Up in your classroom to teach about part/whole relationships, poetry, and numbers.
Have a class discussion about the idea that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. Come up with a list of examples.

Using the instructions on the bottom of the page about three, teach your students to write haiku. It can be about the season you are in, a time of day, or something else. Then have them each write a two-line poem that rhymes.

Learn more about pieces of eight at the “Sea History for Kids” link listed in the “Especially for Kids” section of the back matter. Ask your students how many quarters, dimes, nickels, or pennies are needed to make up a dollar. How many quarters does it take to make two bits? What other coins equal two bits?

Assign the numbers from 1 to 10 to your students. Have each person come up with a thing that is grouped by their number (e.g., 5 fingers or 4 cardinal directions). They can think of their own or use the “More About How the World Adds Up” lists in the back matter. Then they can create a page with facts about their number grouping and an illustration. Combine the pages together for your own version of this book, We Are One Class.