Possible Solution

Veronica reads every day. The array below shows how many books she read on a recent day. How many books has Veronica read? Write an equation that models the process you used and explain your thinking.

There are 3 books in each picture and 5 pictures in each row.

Choose any way you want to add up all of the groups of 3 books.

One way would be to add 3 + 3 + 3 + 3 + 3 to get the total number of books in one row (15), then add all three rows of 15 to get the final total of 45 books.

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15 + 15 + 15 = 45
3 equal rows of 15 = 45
3 x 15 = 45