

Strengthening Fraction Reasoning To Lay the Foundation for Algebra Success

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Strategies for ordering and comparing fractions

$$\frac{5}{8}, \frac{3}{8}, \frac{6}{8}$$

Fractions with the same denominators can be compared by comparing their numerators.

$$\frac{4}{10}, \frac{4}{12}, \frac{4}{8}$$

Fractions with the same numerator can be compared by comparing the size of their pieces.

$$\frac{4}{9}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{5}$$

Fractions close to a benchmark can be compared by finding their distance from a benchmark.

$$\frac{99}{100}, \frac{6}{7}, \frac{15}{16}$$

Fractions close to one can be compared by finding their distance from one.

“Clothesline” Fractions Activity

Set 1:

$$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}, 1$$

Set 2:

$$1\frac{2}{3}, \frac{7}{4}$$

Set 3:

$$\frac{8}{15}, \frac{4}{9}, \frac{15}{29}$$

Set 4:

$$\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{13}, \frac{6}{27}$$

Set 5:

$$x, 2x, -x$$

Set 6:

$$\frac{1}{2}x, \frac{x}{2}, \frac{1}{2x} \quad (x \neq 0)$$

Set 7:

$$\frac{x+1}{x}, \frac{x-1}{x}, \frac{x}{x} \quad (x \neq 0)$$

Other Sets of Numbers to Order

Set 8:

$$\frac{1}{8}, \frac{5}{6}, \frac{15}{16}$$

Set 9:

$$x+2, x-1, 1-x$$

Set 10:

$$\frac{1}{x}, \frac{2}{x}, \frac{3}{x} \quad (x \neq 0)$$

Set 11:

$$\frac{x-1}{x+1} \quad (x \neq -1)$$

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