Developing Fraction Sense

Materials: Slit Plates, Fraction Circles/Fraction bars, Fraction Strips, Pattern Blocks Activities: Fraction Riddles

Close to... Fraction War Equivalent fractions—multiplication chart

GCF & LCM: GCF used for ______, LCM used for ______



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Recipe/Grocery Store Method:

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Tiles

Recipe A ()— Recipe B ()— Needed ingredients for A "or" B, but not both Exact ingredients and amounts in both



Blackline Master Website for wide variety of math manipulative:

http://lrt.ednet.ns.ca/PD/BLM/table_of_contents.htm

Developing Decimal Sense

Base Ten Blocks , Decimal ruler, Decimal squares (Decimal War)

1.3 x 2.4



Decimal Squares



Sam the Mail Man

Checks Bills

Actions

Charge Jars

Charges Addition/Subtraction Multiplication/Division





Hot Air Balloon—use vertical number line with a round marker as the balloon.

Gas/Air Bags (makes balloon go up) Sand Bags (Makes balloon go down)

Balloon Language:

Addition

Problem	Translation	Final Position/Sum
7 + 3	Start at -7, put on 3 sand bags	-10
+5 + 4		
-6 + +2		
-4 + -5		

Subtraction

Problem	Translation	Final Position/Difference
-24	Start at -2, throw off 4 sand bags	+2
+3 - 7		
⁻ 4 - ⁺ 6		
-54		

Multiplication

Problem	Translation	Final Position/Product
-2 x -5	Starting at 0, throw off 2 groups of 5 sand bags	+10
. 1 2		
+4 x -3		
- 3 x -6		
-4 x -5		

General Rule Development for Multiplication:				
Put on	groups of	gas bags	the balloon goes up	
Positive number	Х	Positive number	= Positive number	
Using the example a	above make a g	eneral rule for the fol	lowing:	
Dut or	and the mane of		the helloon sees down	
Put on	groups of	sand bags	the balloon goes down	
Throw off	groups of	gas bags	the balloon goes	
Throw off	groups of	sand bags	the balloon goes	

Division

Problem	Translation	Put on or throw off? # of times? (Quotient)
-20 ÷ -5	How do we get to -20 from 0 using groups of 5 sand bags?	
+12 ÷ -6		
-15 ÷ +5		
+9 ÷+3		

Critical Thinking Integer Games—Play with a partner. our goal is to get the larger total. You can use a calculator to check your computation only after you have placed the integer and operation. On a sheet of paper each of you will set up a series of formulas (start with five lines) as shown below. Each of you will draw two integers from the bag and determine their order in the equation and what operation (addition or subtraction) you want. Remember you are trying to get the largest possible total! After five turns each, you will compare totals. Winner is the one with the largest total. **Variations:** Goal--the smallest total! Goal—set a target number, the winner is the closest—Not Price is Right Style! You can be over or under, but who is the closest? Example, you try to get as close to 23 in 5 turns as possible. Change the range of integers you use.





