

# Reaching All Students: Math and the Common Core

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# International Research



# TIMSS

from Improving Mathematics Instruction (Ed Leadership 2/2004)

- 1995 Video Study
  - Japan, Germany, US
  - Teaching Style Implicated
- 1999 Video Study
  - US, Japan, Netherlands, Hong Kong, Australia, Czech Rep.
  - Implementation Implicated

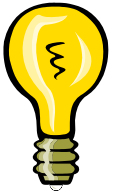
# Style vs.. Implementation

- High Achieving use a variety of styles to teach
- High Achieving implement connections problems as connections problems
- U.S. implements connection problems as a set of procedures

# Defining Issue in Implementation

**...is the teacher's own  
understanding of Mathematics.**

--Liping Ma



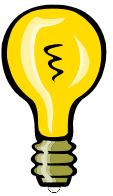
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What is  $4^2$  ?

Why is it  $4 \times 4$  when it looks like  $4 \times 2$ ?

It means 'make a square out of your 4 unit side'



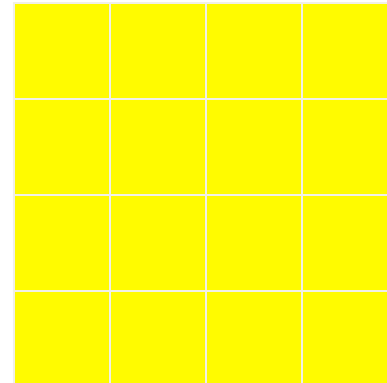


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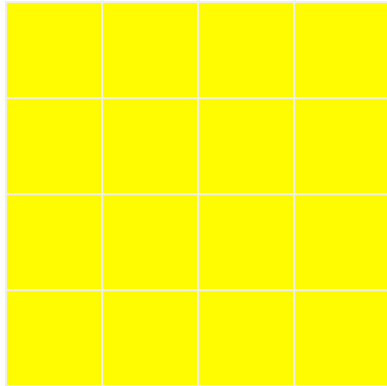
--4 units--

1  
1  
1  
1



You'd get how many little 1 by 1 inch squares?

# Exponents and CONNECTIONS

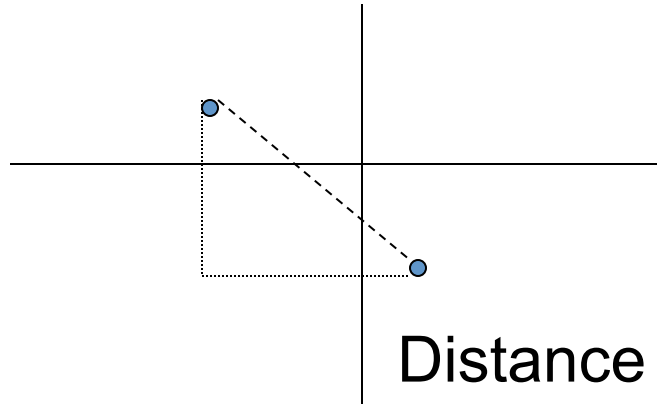


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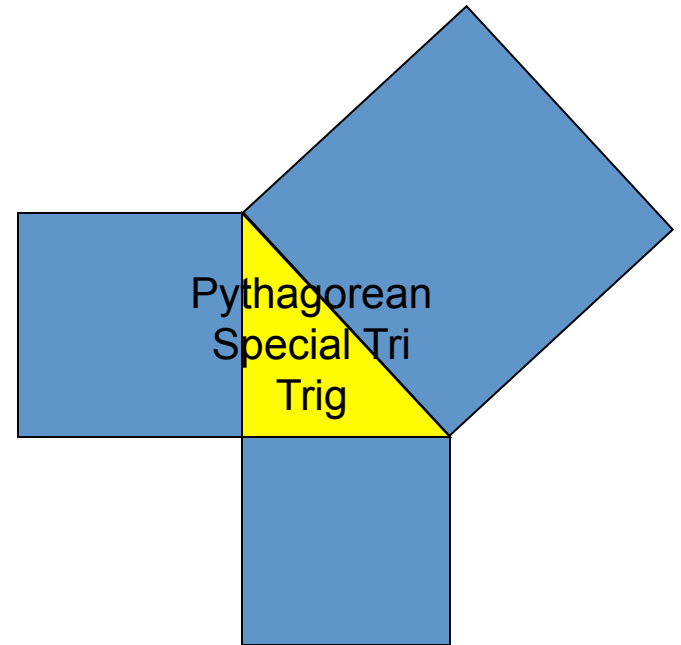
$$\sqrt{16} = 4$$

The length of  
one side!

Geometry and  
Measurement



Distance Formula



$$1 = 1^3$$

‘Same as’

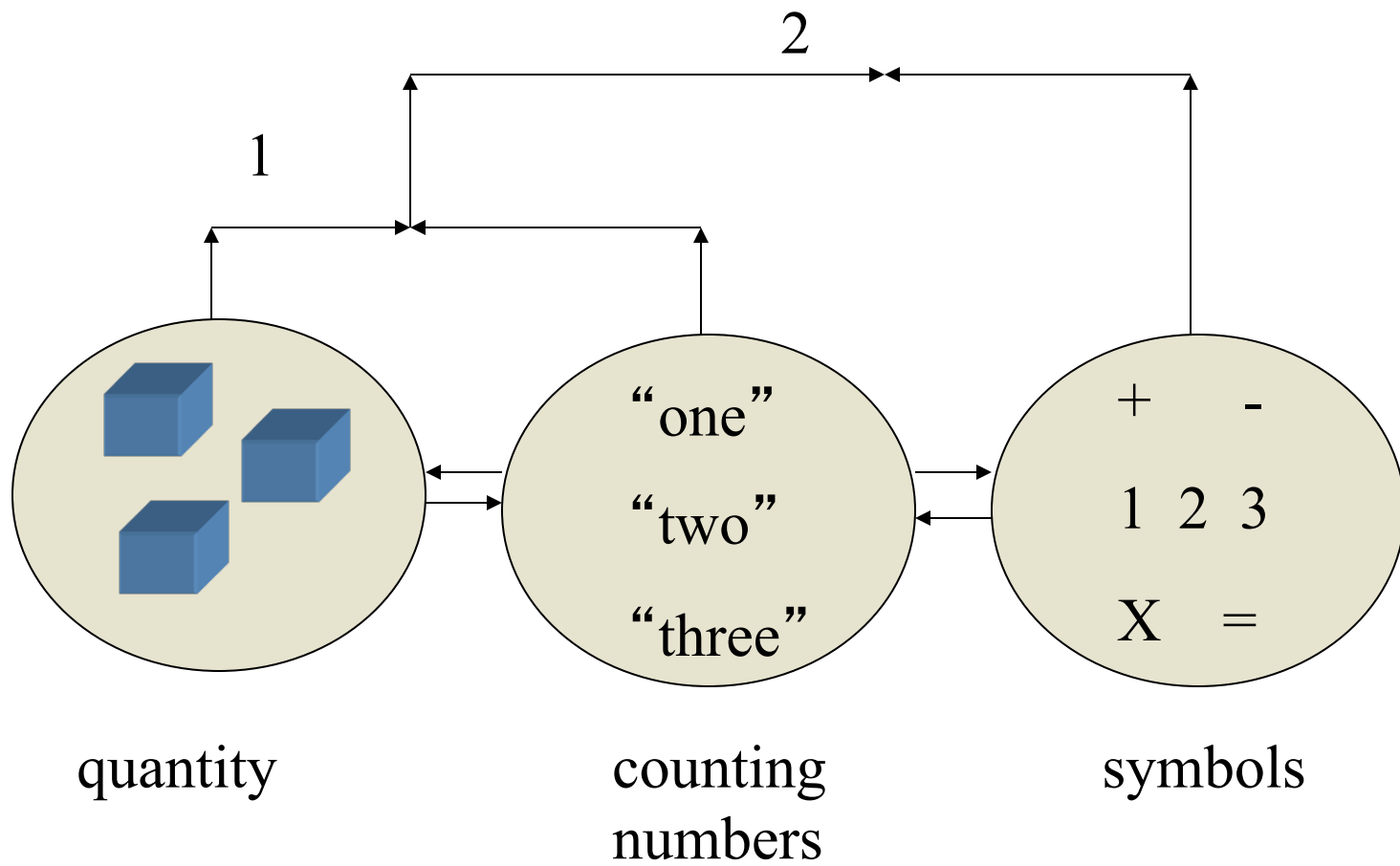


**This is the ESSENCE of shifting to the  
Common Core Standards:**

**It' s a cultural shift that demands  
changes at the level of  
Visual Structures and Language.**

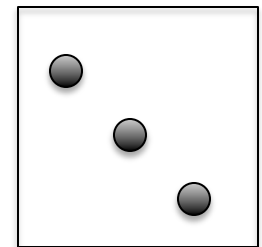
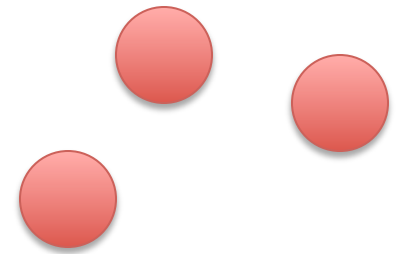
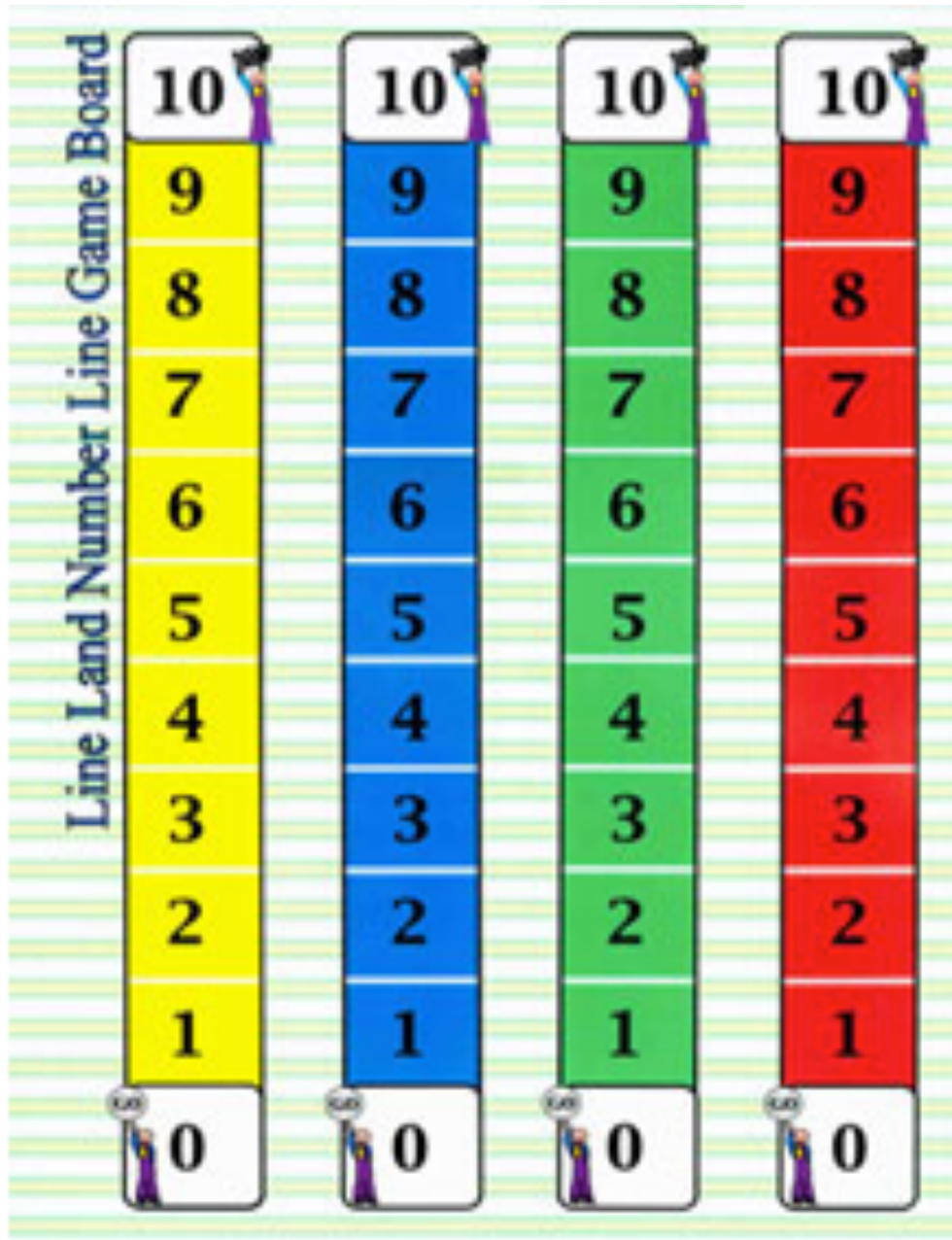


# **Key Mathematical Structures**



**Key**  
**Mathematical Structure #1**  
**The number line:**

Connecting Quantity to  
Magnitude






From Sharon Griffin  
Number Worlds

## Common Core Standard and Cluster

**Describe and compare measurable attributes.**

Mathematically proficient students communicate precisely by engaging in discussion about their reasoning using appropriate mathematical language. The terms students should learn to use with increasing precision with this cluster are: **length, weight, heavy, long, more of, less of, longer, taller, shorter.**

Common Core Standard	Unpacking
	What do these standards mean a child will know and be able to do?
<b>K.MD.1</b> Describe measurable attributes of objects, such as length or weight. Describe several measurable attributes of a single object.	Students describe measurable attributes of objects, such as length, weight, size, and color. For example, a student may describe a shoe with one attribute, "Look! My shoe is blue, too!", or more than one attribute, "This shoe is heavy! It's also really long."
<b>K.MD.2</b> Directly compare two objects with a measurable attribute in common, to see which object has "more of"/"less of" the attribute, and describe the difference. <i>For example, directly compare the heights of two children and describe one child as taller/shorter.</i>	<p>Direct comparisons are made when objects are put next to each other, such as two children, two books, two pencils. For example, a student may line up two blocks and say, "The blue block is a lot longer than the white one." Students are not comparing objects that cannot be moved and lined up next to each other.</p>  <p>Similar to the development of the understanding that keeping track is important to obtain an accurate count, kindergarten students need ample experiences with comparing objects in order to discover the importance of lining up the ends of objects in order to have an accurate measurement.</p> <p>As this concept develops, children move from the idea that "Sometimes this block is longer than this one and sometimes it's shorter (depending on how I lay them side by side) and that's okay." to the understanding that "This block is always longer than this block (with each end lined up appropriately)." Since this understanding requires conservation of length, a developmental milestone for young children, kindergarteners need multiple experiences measuring a variety of items and discussing findings with one another.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>"Sometimes this block is longer and sometimes it's shorter."</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>"The dark block is always longer than this block"</p> </div> </div>

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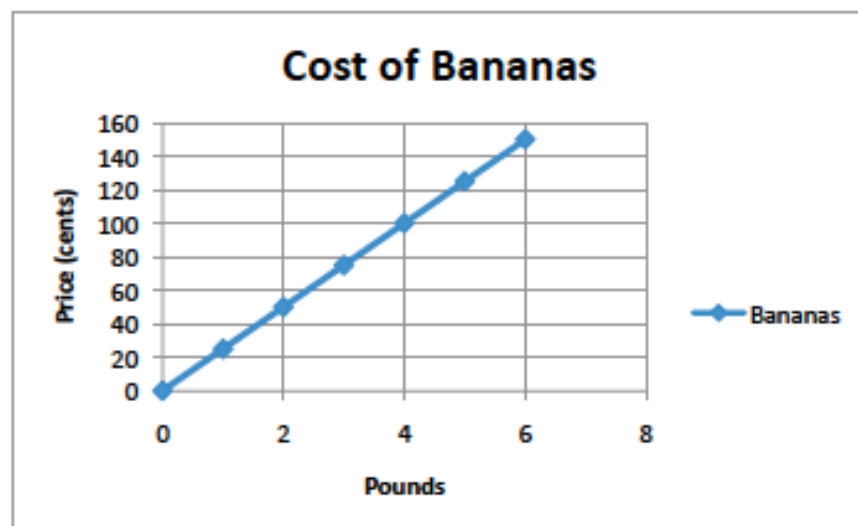
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The graph below represents the price of the bananas at one store. What is the constant of proportionality?



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**Key  
Mathematical Structure #2a  
Expanding to a  
Circuit Number Line:**

Understanding the Recursive  
nature/pattern of Base-Ten  
Additively and Proportionally

# Number and Operations in Base Ten

# K.NBT

## Common Core Standard and Cluster

**Work with numbers 11–19 to gain foundations for place value.**

Rather than unitizing a ten (recognizing that a set of 10 objects is a unit called a “ten”), which is a standard for First Grade (1.NBT.1a), kindergarteners keep each count as a single unit as they explore a set of 10 objects and leftovers.

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## Common Core Standard

**K.NBT.1** Compose and decompose numbers from 11 to 19 into ten ones and some further ones, e.g., by using objects or drawings, and record each composition or decomposition by a drawing or equation (e.g.,  $18 = 10 + 8$ )\*; understand that these numbers are composed of ten ones and one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, or nine ones.

\* Kindergarten students should see addition and subtraction equations, and student writing of equations in kindergarten is encouraged, but it is not required.

## Unpacking

**What do these standards mean a child will know and be able to do?**

Students explore numbers 11-19 using representations, such as manipulatives or drawings. Keeping each count as a single unit, kindergarteners use 10 objects to represent “10” rather than creating a unit called a ten (unitizing) as indicated in the First Grade CCSS standard 1.NBT.1a: 10 can be thought of as a bundle of ten ones — called a “ten.”

## Example:

Teacher: “I have some chips here. Do you think they will fit on our ten frame? Why? Why Not?”

Students: Share thoughts with one another.

Teacher: “Use your ten frame to investigate.”

Students: “Look. There’s too many to fit on the ten frame. Only ten chips will fit on it.”

Teacher: “So you have some leftovers?”

Students: “Yes. I’ll put them over here next to the ten frame.”

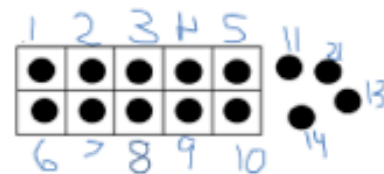
Teacher: “So, how many do you have in all?”

Student A: “One, two, three, four, five... ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen. I have fourteen. Ten fit on and four didn’t.”

Student B: Pointing to the ten frame, “See them- that’s 10... 11, 12, 13, 14. There’s fourteen.”

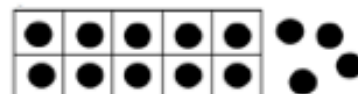
Teacher: Use your recording sheet (or number sentence cards) to show what you found out.

## Student Recording Sheets Example:



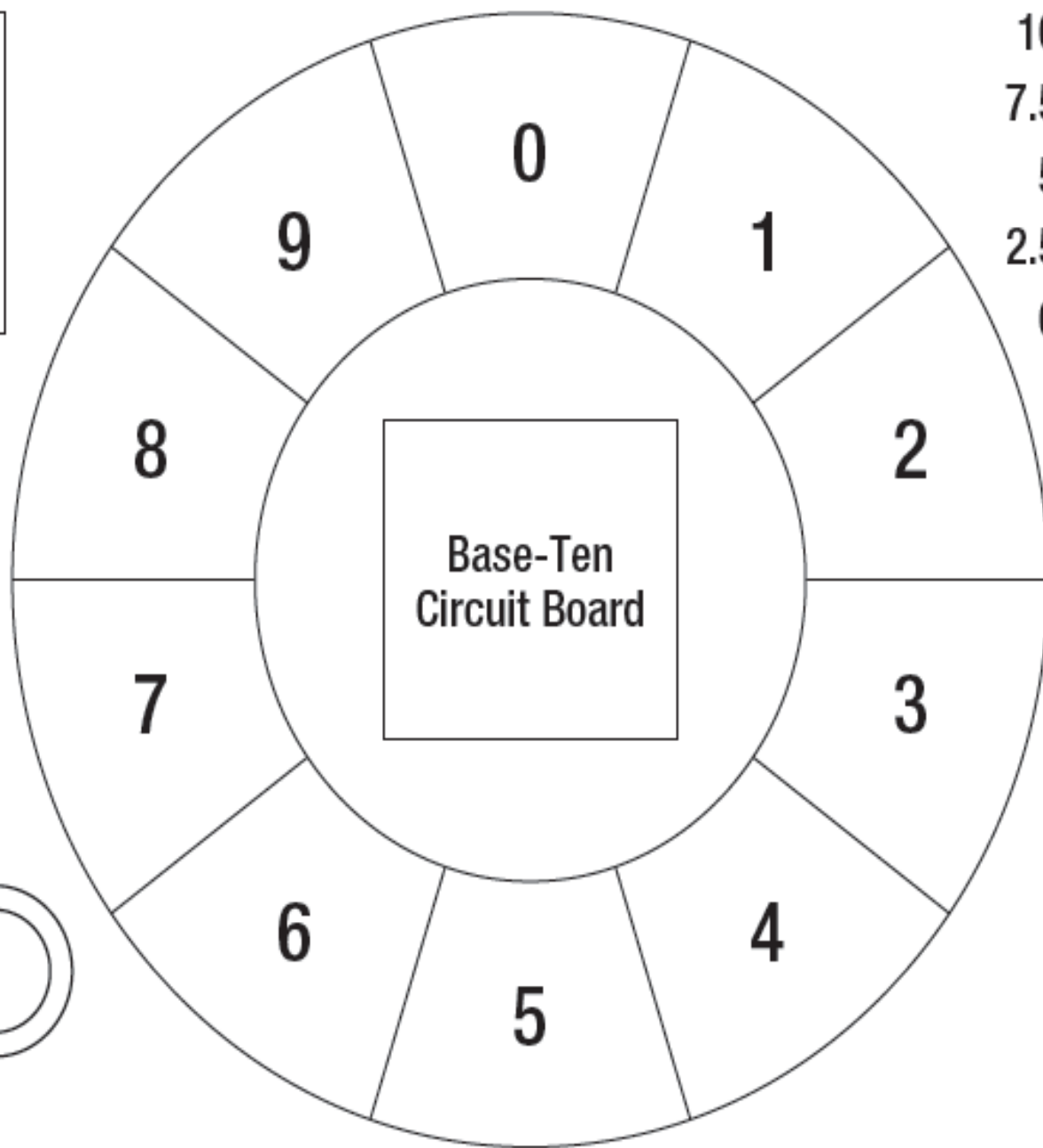
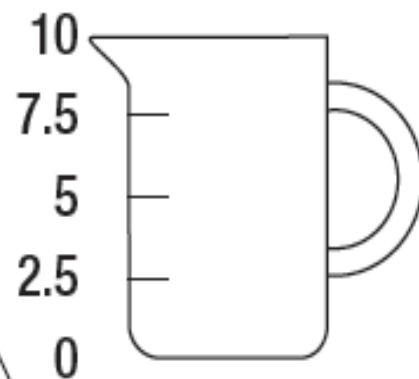
14 is 10 on and 4 off.

ALL	On	Off
14	10	4

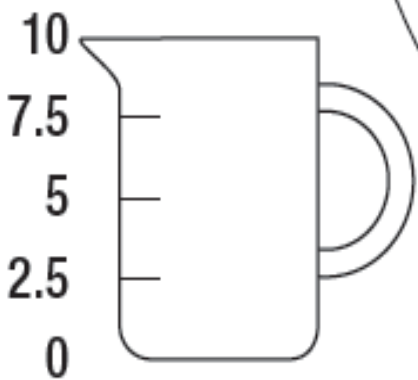


$$14 = 10 + 4$$

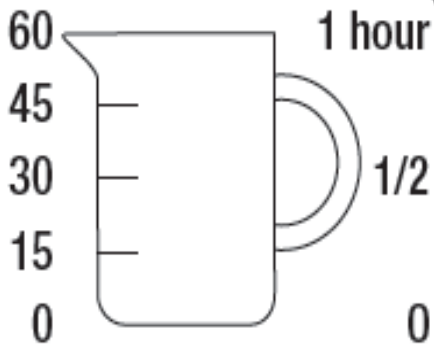
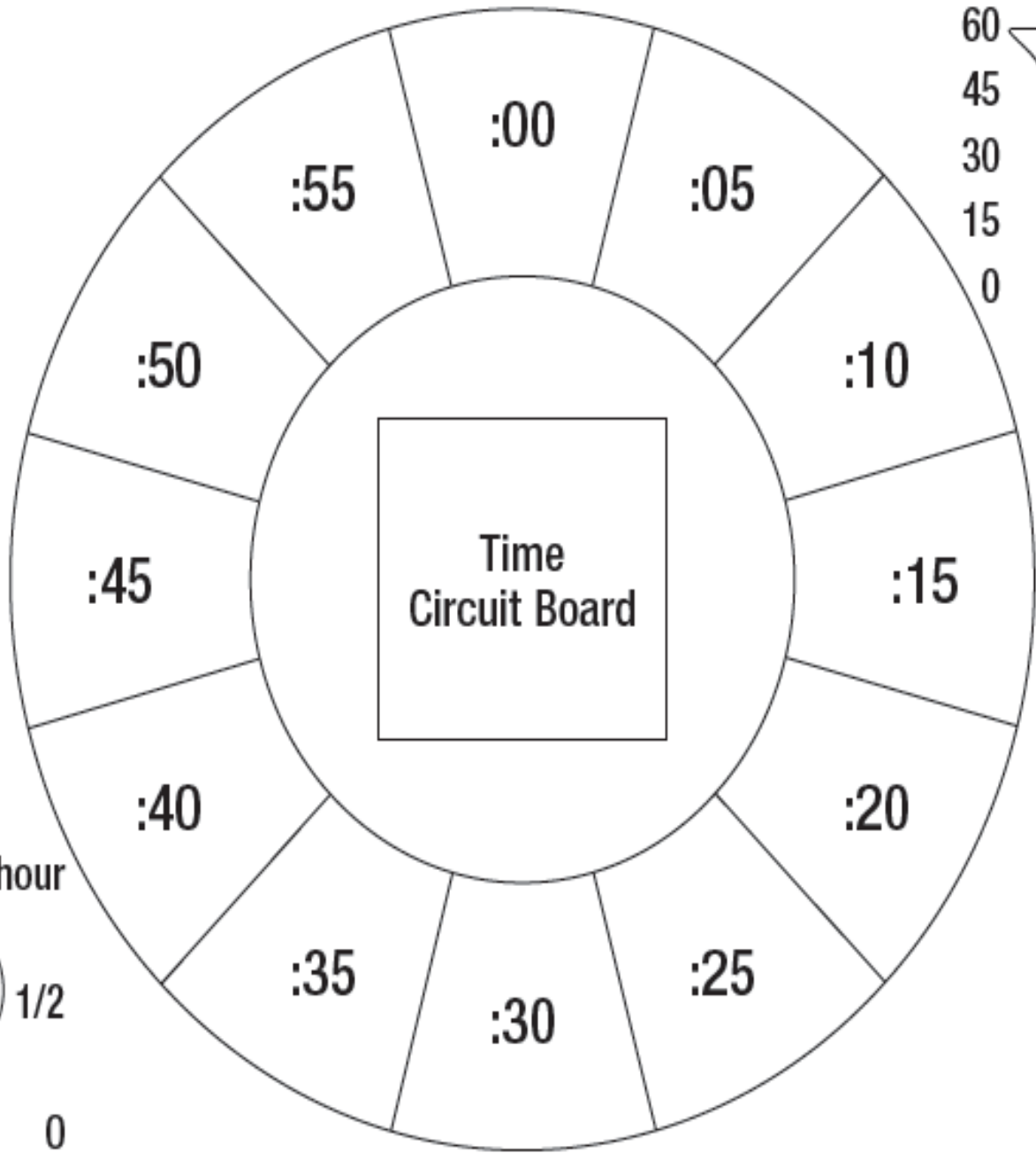
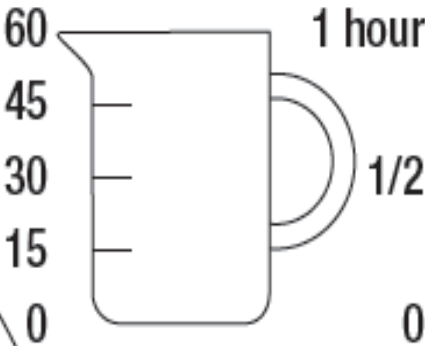
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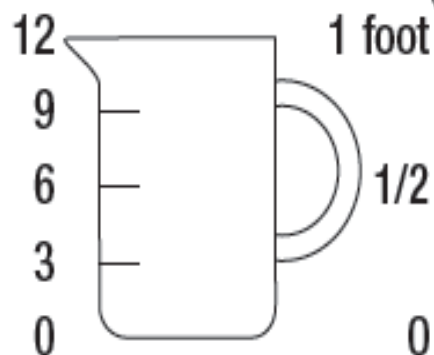
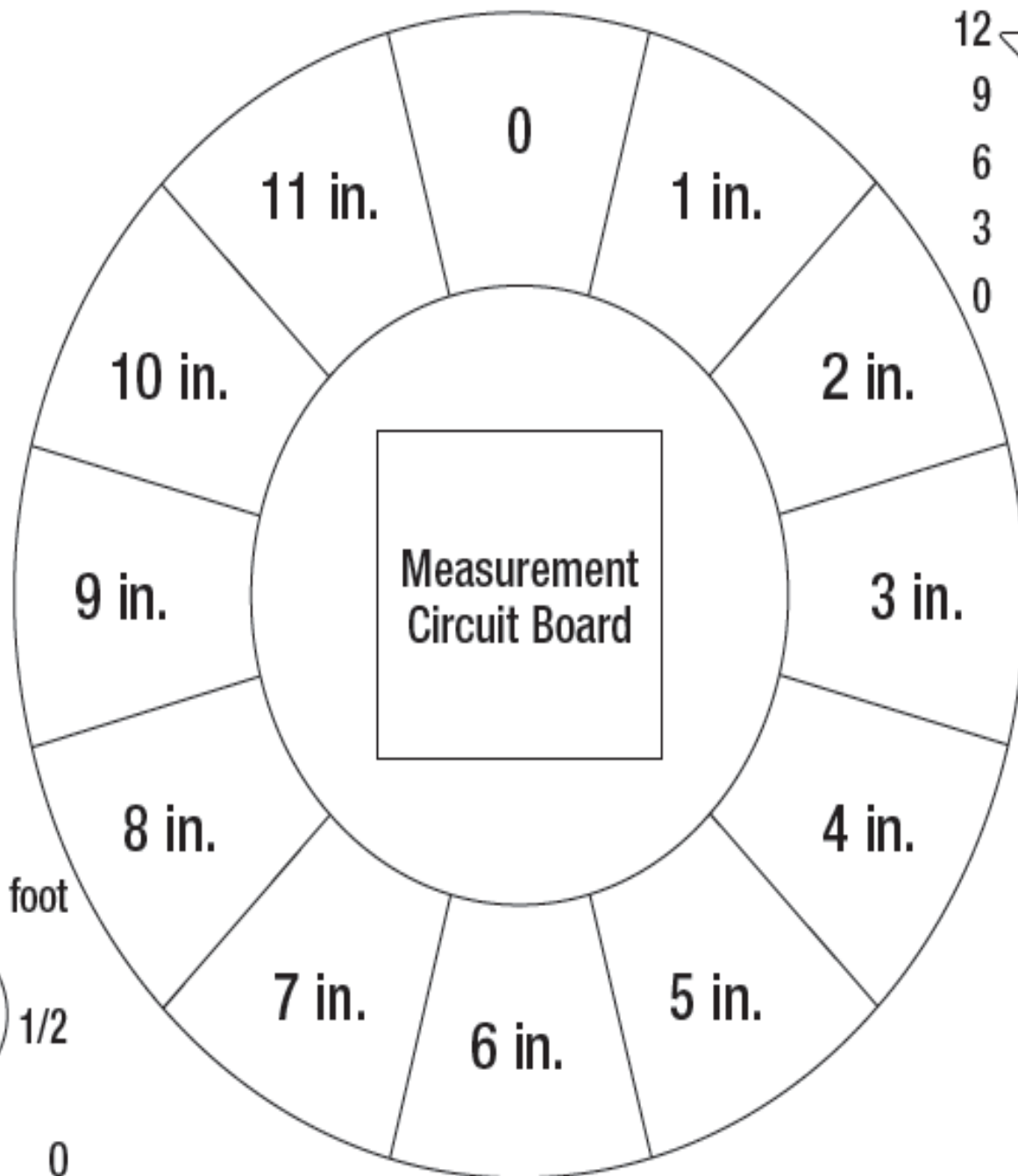
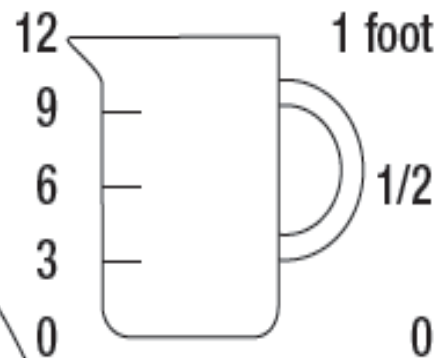


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**1.MD.2** Express the length of an object as a whole number of length units, by laying multiple copies of a shorter object (the length unit) end to end; understand that the length measurement of an object is the number of same-size length units that span it with no gaps or overlaps. *Limit to contexts where the object being measured is spanned by a whole number of length units with no gaps or overlaps.*

First Graders use non-standard objects to measure objects which help students focus on the attribute being measured. A non-standard object also lends itself to future discussions regarding the need for a standard unit.

First Grade students use multiple copies of one object to measure the length larger object. Through numerous experiences and careful questioning by the teacher, students will recognize the importance of careful measuring so that there are not any gaps or overlaps in order to get an accurate measurement. This concept is a foundational building block for the concept of area in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade.

Example: How long is the pencil, using paper clips to measure?

**Student:** I carefully placed paper clips end to end.

The pencil is 5 paper clips long. I thought it would take about 6 paperclips.

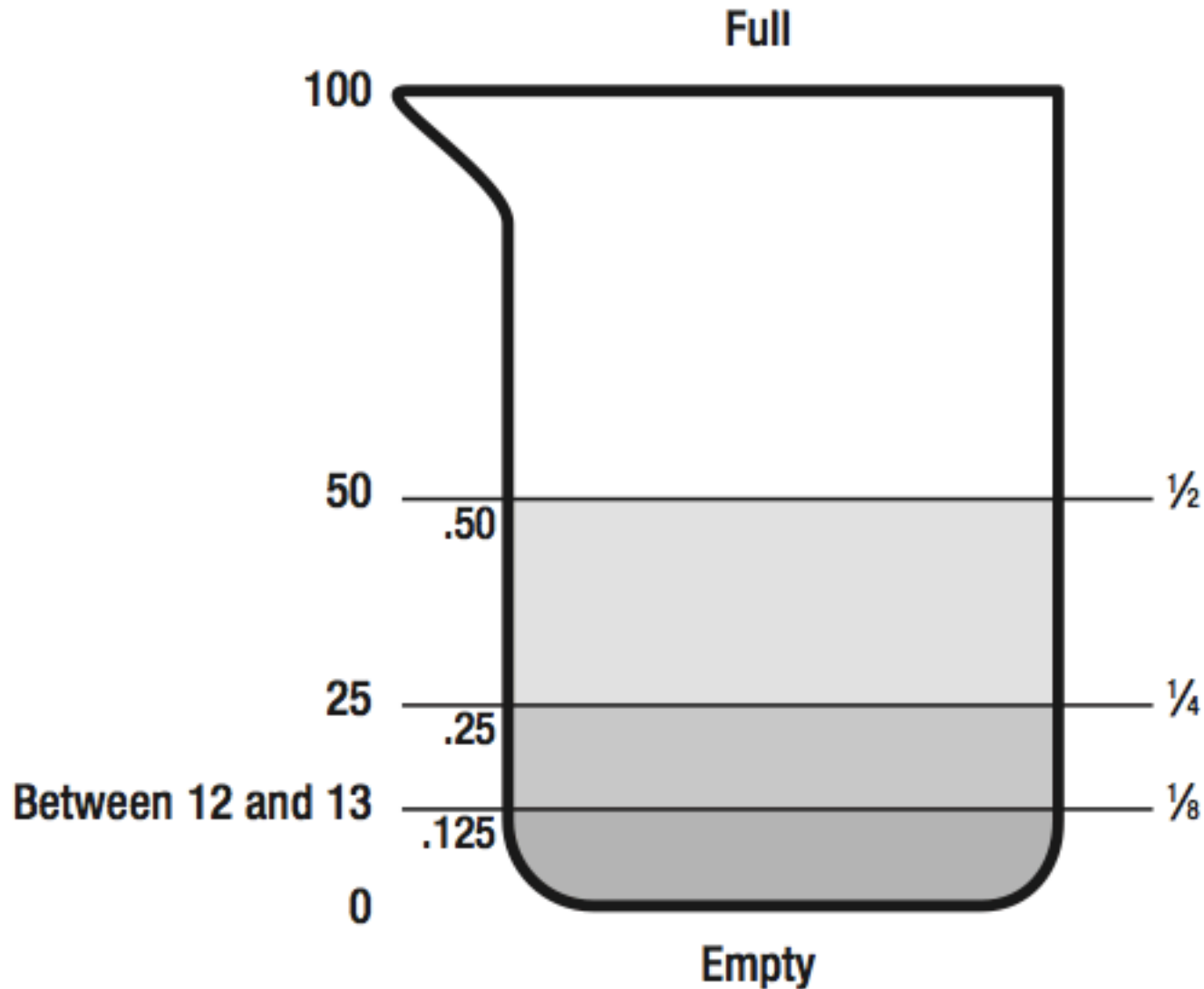


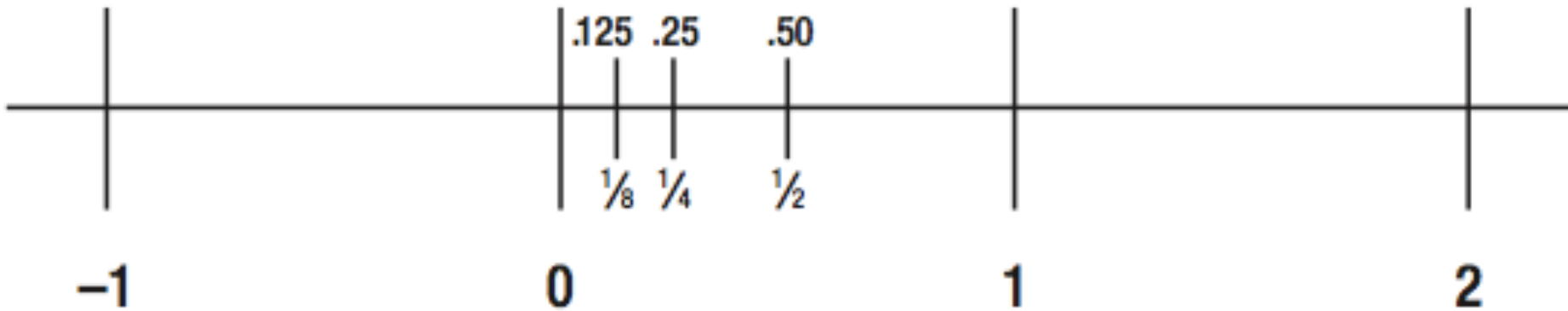
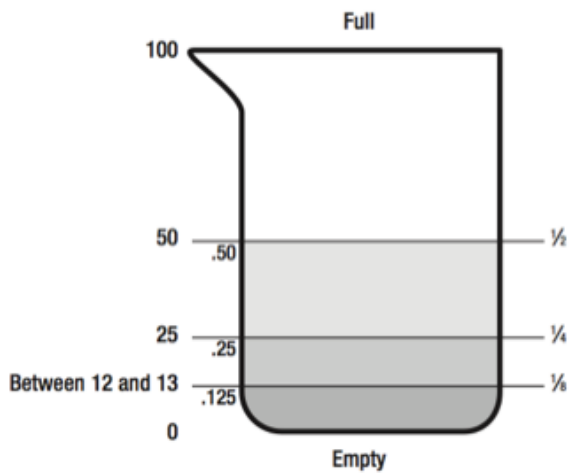
**Key**  
**Mathematical Structure #3**  
**Rational Numbers live on**  
**the number line:**

Connecting whole number  
understandings to rational  
numeration systems

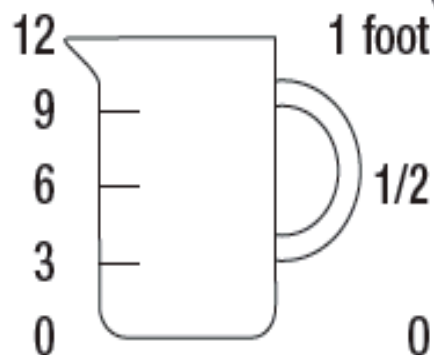
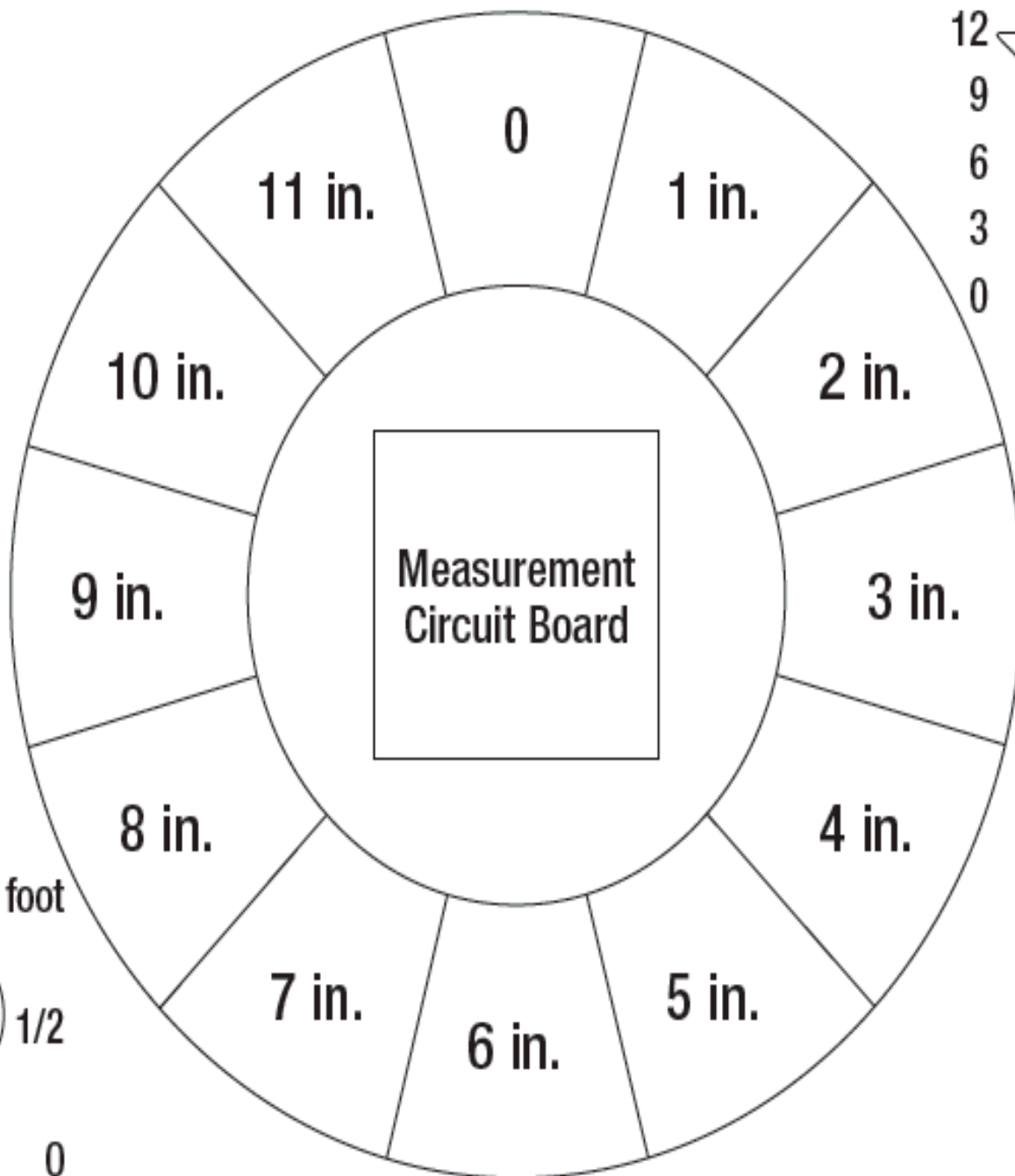
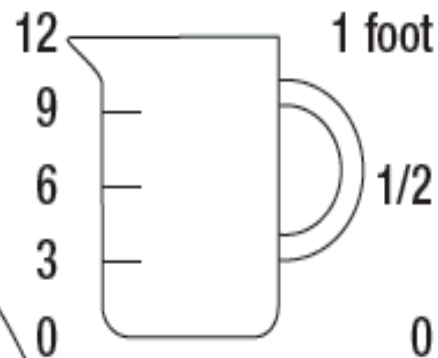
# Fractions and Percents I

Draw the following on the board and model this as the lesson proceeds.





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What do these standards mean a child will know and be able to do?

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# Procedures versus Connections

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K-3

$$15 - 8$$

How do you  
teach facts  
within 20?

4-12

$$1 \frac{3}{8} - \frac{5}{8}$$

How do  
you teach  
problems  
such as the  
above?

Is it possible that these two situations are, essentially, the exact same problem?

$$15 - 8$$

$$1 \frac{3}{8} - \frac{5}{8}$$

**Key**

# **Mathematical Structure #2b**

Unit Size, Unit Size, Unit  
Size

# Unit Size

3 ones and 2 ones

3 tens and 2 tens

3 tens and 2 ones

$\frac{3}{6}$  and  $\frac{2}{6}$

$\frac{3}{6}$  and  $\frac{2}{5}$

3X and 2X

3Y and 2Y

3X and 2Y

0    10ones and 5ones

$$\begin{array}{r} 15 \\ - 8 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

0      8/8 and 3/8

~~1~~ 3/8

- 5/8

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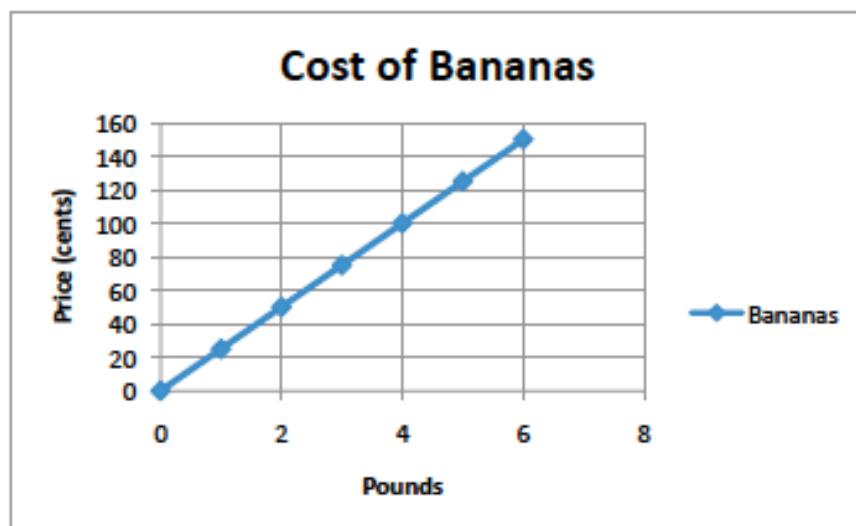
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# **Precision and Structures**

Making connections  
through the language  
you use

# **Decomposing a higher unit value into a lower unit...**

**using unit size to change  
the form of the number**

## Common Core Cluster

Use place value understanding and properties of operations to perform multi-digit arithmetic.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> A range of algorithms may be used.

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Common Core Standard	Unpacking What do these standards mean a child will know and be able to do?
3.NBT.1 Use place value understanding to round whole numbers to the nearest 10 or 100.	This standard refers to place value understanding, which extends beyond an algorithm or procedure for rounding. The expectation is that students have a deep understanding of place value and number sense and can explain and reason about the answers they get when they round. Students should have numerous experiences using a number line and a hundreds chart as tools to support their work with rounding.
3.NBT.2 Fluently add and subtract within 1000 using strategies and algorithms based on place value, properties of operations, and/or the relationship between addition and subtraction.  <sup>1</sup> A range of algorithms may be used.	<p>This standard refers to fluently, which means accuracy, efficiency (using a reasonable amount of steps and time), and flexibility (using strategies such as the distributive property). The word algorithm refers to a procedure or a series of steps. There are other algorithms other than the standard algorithm. Third grade students should have experiences beyond the standard algorithm. A variety of algorithms will be assessed on EOG. Problems should include both vertical and horizontal forms, including opportunities for students to apply the commutative and associative properties. Students explain their thinking and show their work by using strategies and algorithms, and verify that their answer is reasonable.</p> <p>Example: There are 178 fourth graders and 225 fifth graders on the playground. What is the total number of students on the playground?</p> <div> <div> <p>Student 1</p> <math display="block">100 + 200 = 300</math> <math display="block">70 + 20 = 90</math> <math display="block">8 + 5 = 13</math> <math display="block">300 + 90 + 13 = 403 \text{ students}</math> </div> <div> <p>Student 2</p> <p>I added 2 to 178 to get 180. I added 220 to get 400. I added the 3 left over to get 403.</p> </div> <div> <p>Student 3</p> <p>I know the 75 plus 25 equals 100. I then added 1 hundred from 178 and 2 hundreds from 275. I had a total of 4 hundreds and I had 3 more left to add. So I have 4 hundreds plus 3 more which is 403.</p> </div> </div>

- 4th grade

Decompose a fraction into a sum of fractions with the same denominator in more than one way, recording each decomposition by an equation. Justify decompositions, e.g., by using a visual fraction model.

Examples:  $3/8 = 1/8 + 1/8 + 1/8$ ;  
 $3/8 = 1/8 + 2/8$ ;  $2\ 1/8 = 1 + 1 + 1/8$ ;  
 $1/8 = 8/8 + 8/8 + 1/8$ .

Example:

$$1\ 1/4 - 3/4 = \square$$

$$4/4 + 1/4 = 5/4$$

$$5/4 - 3/4 = 2/4 \text{ or } 1/2$$

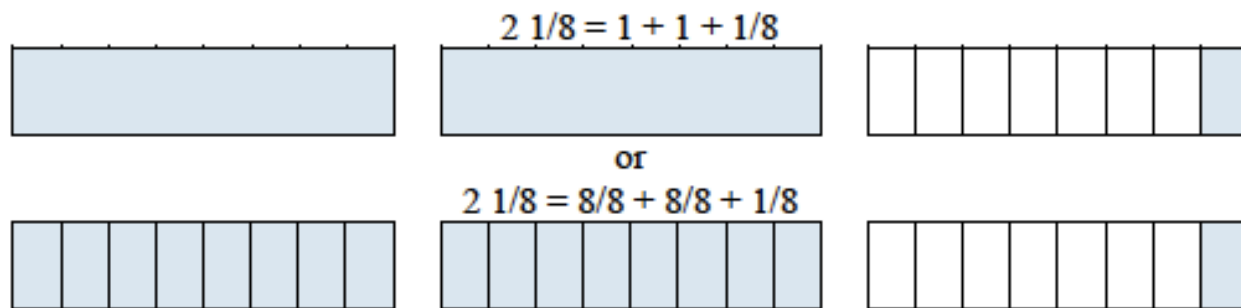
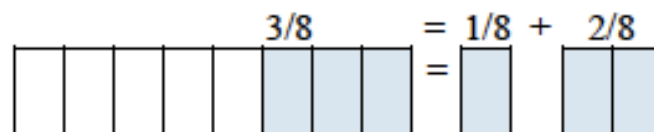
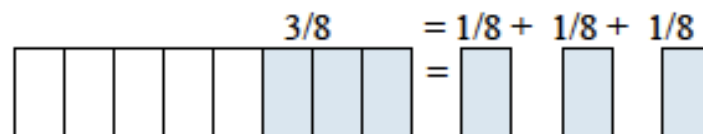
Example of word problem:

Mary and Lacey decide to share a pizza. Mary ate  $3/6$  and Lacey ate  $2/6$  of the pizza. How much of the pizza did the girls eat together?

Possible solution: The amount of pizza Mary ate can be thought of a  $3/6$  or  $1/6$  and  $1/6$  and  $1/6$ . The amount of pizza Lacey ate can be thought of a  $1/6$  and  $1/6$ . The total amount of pizza they ate is  $1/6 + 1/6 + 1/6 + 1/6 + 1/6$  or  $5/6$  of the whole pizza.

Students should justify their breaking apart (decomposing) of fractions using visual fraction models. The concept of turning mixed numbers into improper fractions needs to be emphasized using visual fraction models.

Example:



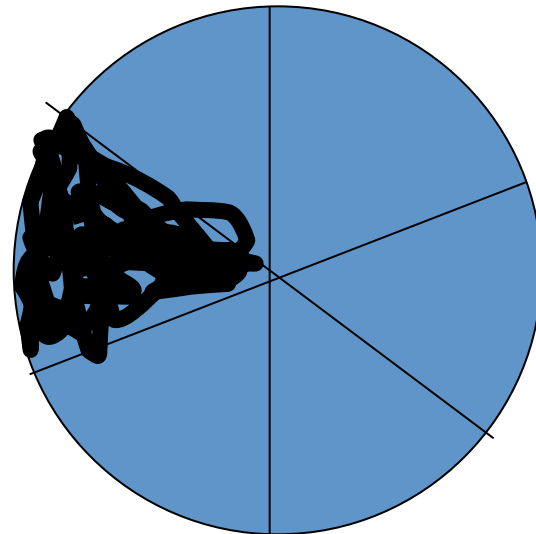
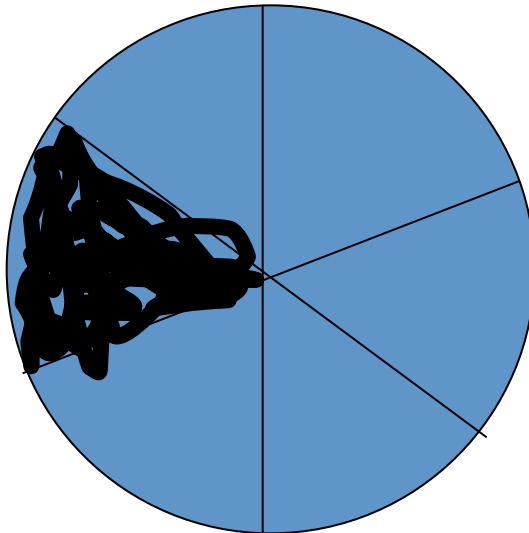
# Manipulatives and “Magical Hopes”

Deborah Ball

How do you explain this to a student?

$$1/6 + 1/6 = 2/6$$

$$1/6 + 1/6 = 2/12?$$

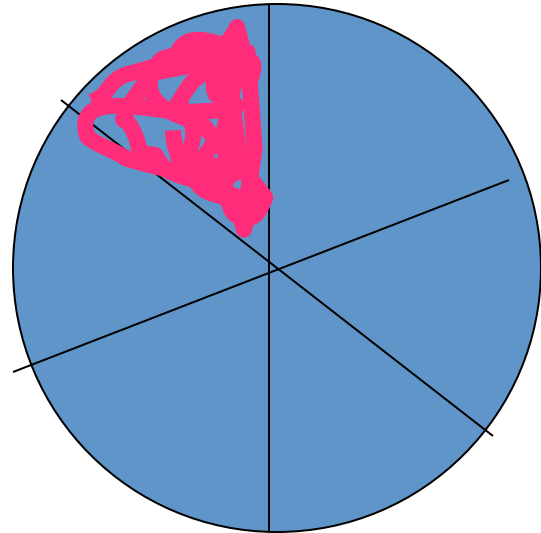
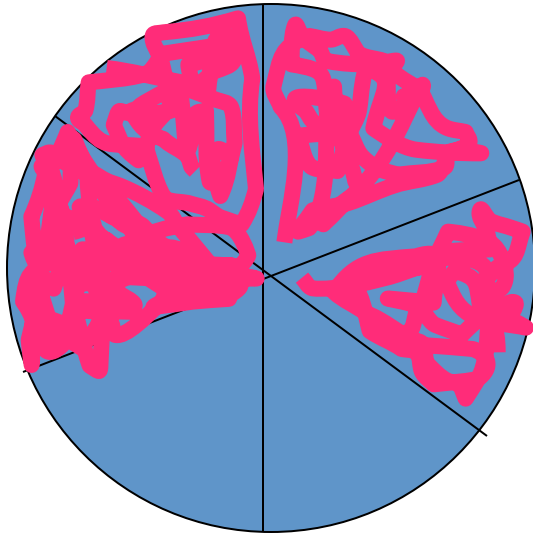


# Game from SRA Real Math

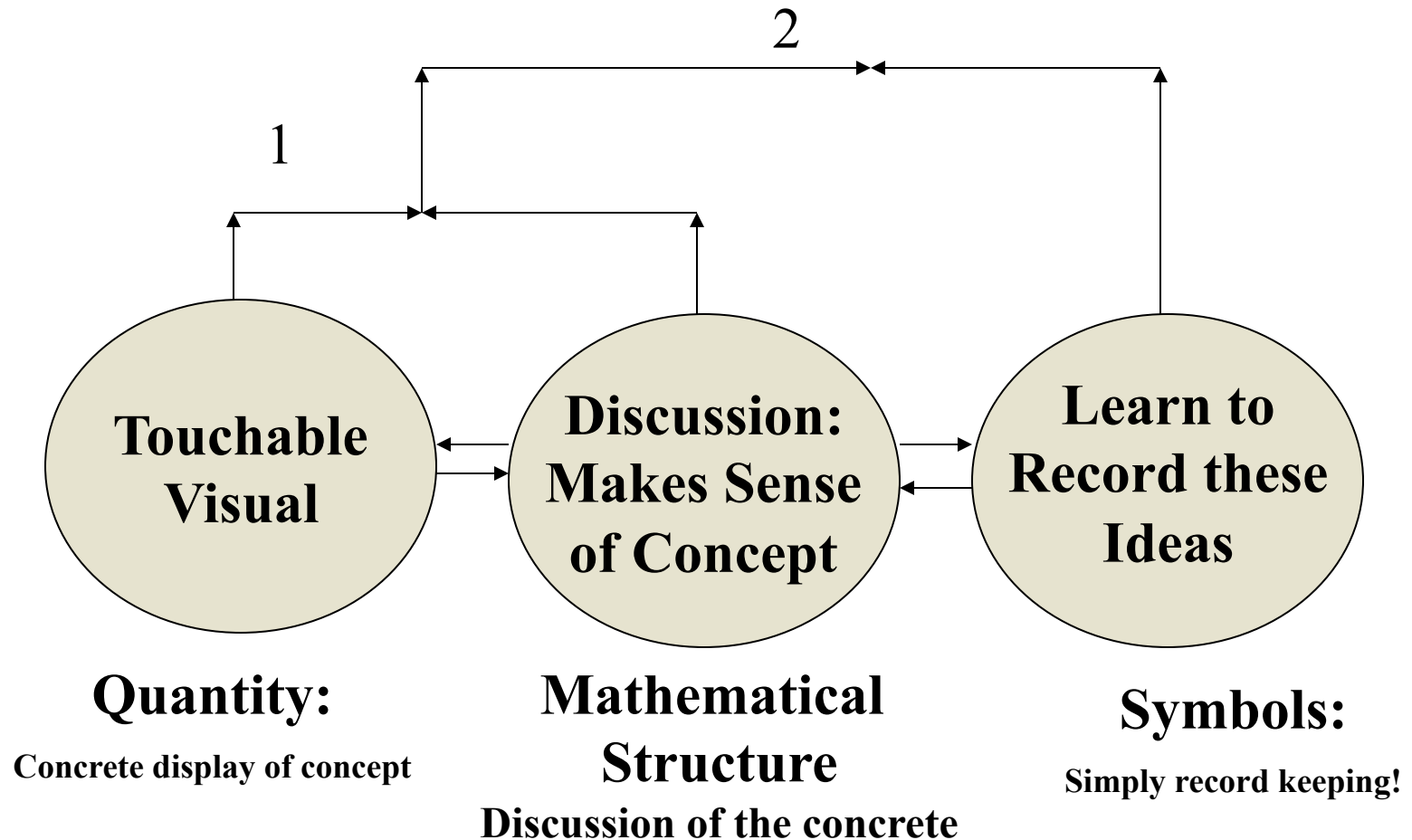
I roll 5/6

What should I do with my 5/6ths?

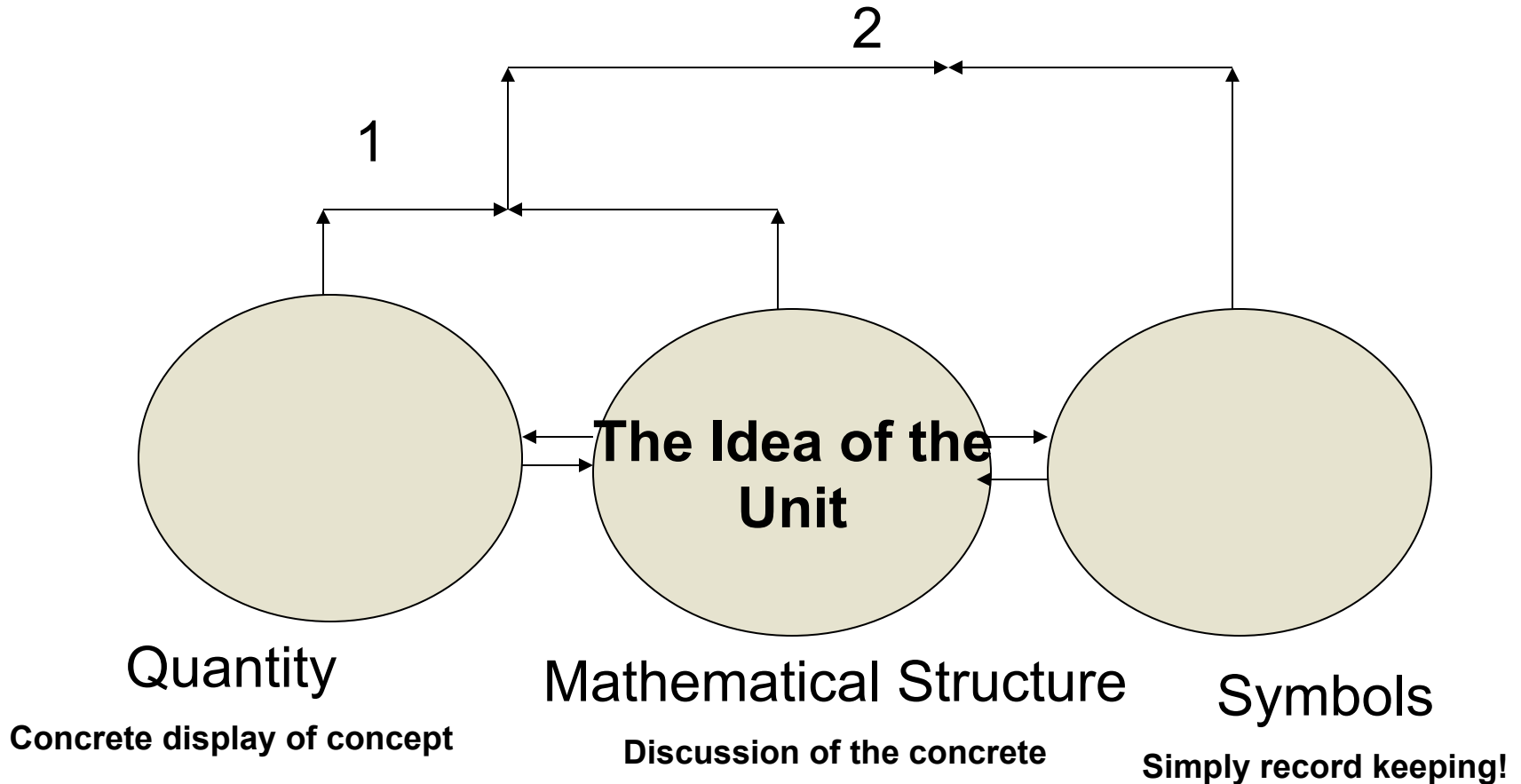
$$4/6 + 1/6 = 5/6$$



# Prototype for Lesson Construction



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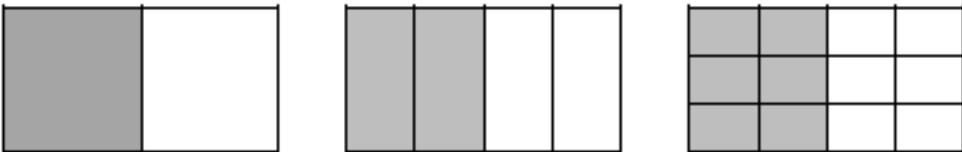


## Common Core Cluster

### Extend understanding of fraction equivalence and ordering.

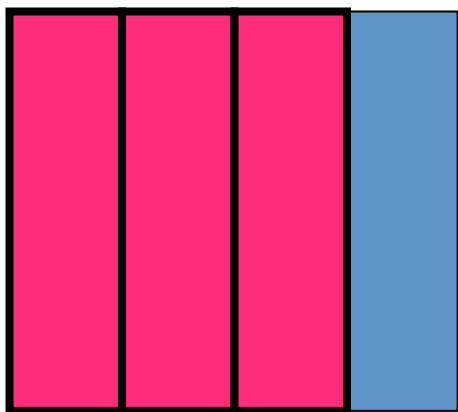
Students develop understanding of fraction equivalence and operations with fractions. They recognize that two different fractions can be equal (e.g.,  $15/9 = 5/3$ ), and they develop methods for generating and recognizing equivalent fractions.

Mathematically proficient students communicate precisely by engaging in discussion about their reasoning using appropriate mathematical language. The terms students should learn to use with increasing precision with this cluster are: **partition(ed)**, **fraction**, **unit fraction**, **equivalent**, **multiple**, **reason**, **denominator**, **numerator**, **comparison/compare**, **<**, **>**, **=**, **benchmark fraction**

Common Core Standard	Unpacking What do these standards mean a child will know and be able to do?
<p><b>4.NF.1</b> Explain why a fraction <math>a/b</math> is equivalent to a fraction <math>(n \times a)/(n \times b)</math> by using visual fraction models, with attention to how the number and size of the parts differ even though the two fractions themselves are the same size. Use this principle to recognize and generate equivalent fractions.</p>	<p>This standard refers to visual fraction models. This includes area models, number lines or it could be a collection/set model. This standard extends the work in third grade by using additional denominators (5, 10, 12, and 100)</p> <p>This standard addresses equivalent fractions by examining the idea that equivalent fractions can be created by multiplying both the numerator and denominator by the same number or by dividing a shaded region into various parts.</p> <p>Example:</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><math>\frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{6}{12}</math></p> </div> <p>Technology Connection: <a href="http://illuminations.nctm.org/activitydetail.aspx?id=80">http://illuminations.nctm.org/activitydetail.aspx?id=80</a></p>
<p><b>4.NF.2</b> Compare two fractions with different numerators and different denominators, e.g., by creating common denominators or numerators, or by comparing to a benchmark fraction such as <math>1/2</math>. Recognize that comparisons are</p>	<p>This standard calls students to compare fractions by creating visual fraction models or finding common denominators or numerators. Students' experiences should focus on visual fraction models rather than algorithms. When tested, models may or may not be included. Students should learn to draw fraction models to help them compare. Students must also recognize that they must consider the size of the whole when comparing fractions (ie, <math>1/2</math> and <math>1/8</math> of two medium pizzas is very different from <math>1/2</math> of one medium and <math>1/8</math> of one large).</p>



# Lee Stiff's Unit Squares for Adding Fractions



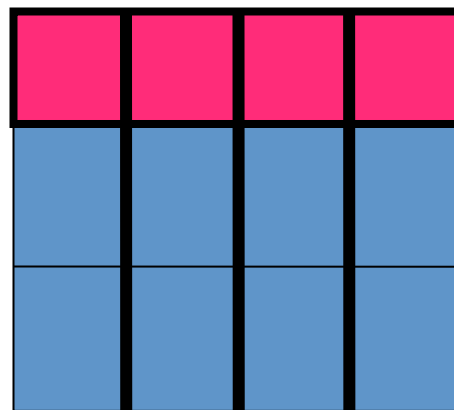
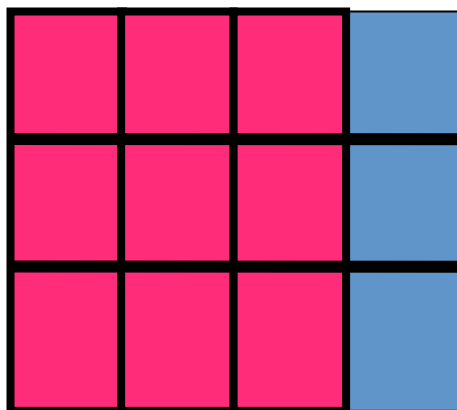
$$\frac{3}{4}$$

+



$$\frac{1}{3}$$

We've got a problem in this form—  
need the same size pieces to add things...



$$\frac{3}{4}$$

+

$$\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{9}{12}$$

+

$$\frac{4}{12}$$

Chop up the vertical by the horizontal  
and the horizontal by the vertical:  
Don't change the value, just the piece size

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