# Using Anchor Tasks To Ignite Learners

Facilitating Inquiry Based Math Lessons

Cut apart Your Tangram

## Math Champions Professional Development



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#### Agenda

- 1. Problem-solving
- 2. What is an Anchor Task?
- 3. Explore Lessons
- 4. Reflect
- 5. Questions

#### Five Big Abilities

- 1. Number Sense
- 2. Visualization
- 3. Communication
- 4. Metacognition
- 5. Generalization

#### Focus on Problem-Solving

**Beliefs** Interest **Appreciation** Perseverance Confidence

Numerical calculation Algebraic manipulation Spatial visualisation Data analysis **Measurement** Use of mathematical tools **Estimation** 

Metacosnition, Monitoring one's own thinking Self-regulation of learning Attitudes Mathematical Cesses Problem Solving Concepts

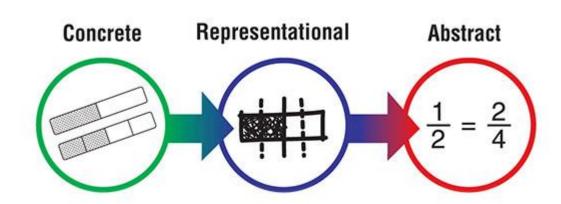
> Numerical Algebraic Geometrical **Statistical Probabilistic** Analytical

Reasoning, communication and connections Thinking skills and heuristics Application and modeling

#### Focus on Problem-Solving

#### Strong Understanding of Basics:

- ✓ C-P-A approach
- ✓ Coherence
- ✓ Focus



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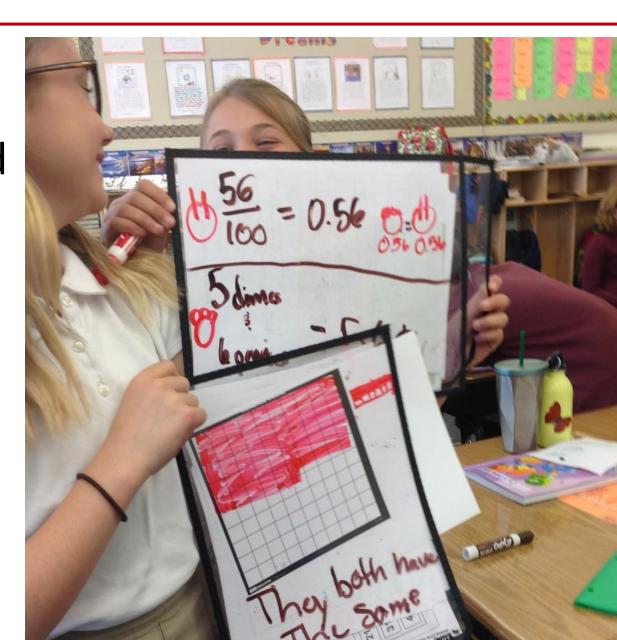
Students need to engage in sound mathematical practices:

- ✓ Rigor
- Concrete activities
- ✓ Reflection
- Journaling
- ✓ Guided Practice

...is the CONCRETE component of a lesson.



...provides for exploration and differentiation.



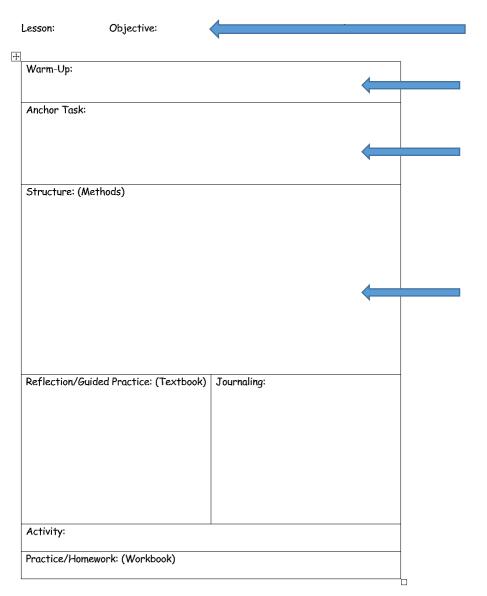
#### Four Key Processes

- Exploring
- Structuring
- Reflecting
- Journaling





#### Planning for an Anchor Task



Know your objective
Activate prior knowledge

Create a problem for students to explore

Anticipate students' responses

#### Preparing for an Anchor Task

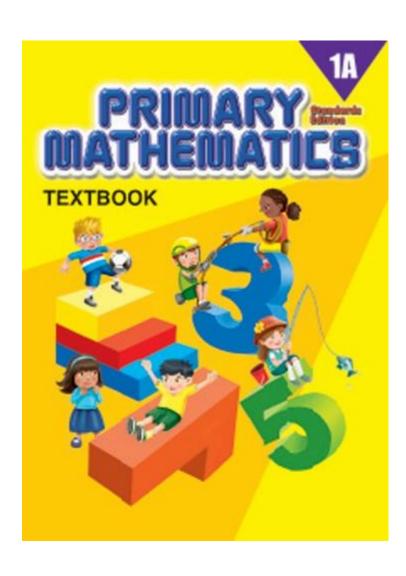
Concrete materials must be available for ALL students



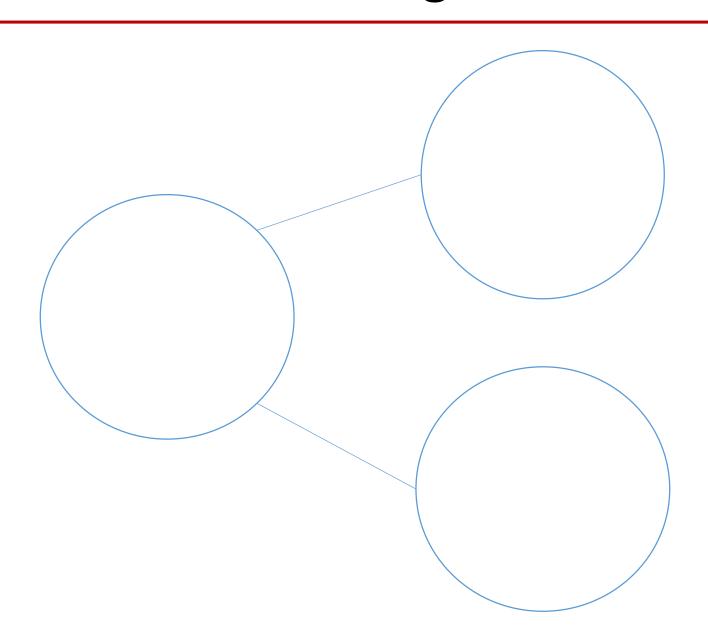




### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade



## Activate Prior Knowledge



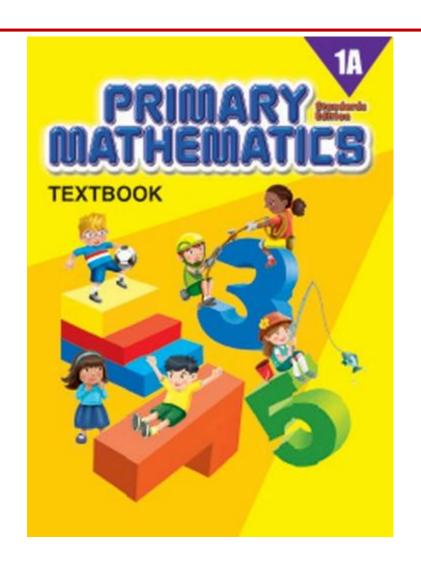
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How many balls are there altogether?

## **Exploring and Structuring**

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Objective:
Add two one-digit
numbers using the
"make 10"
strategy

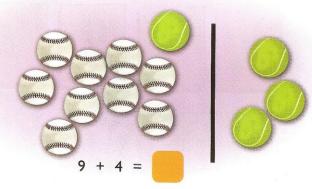
#### Reflecting

#### 2 Addition and Subtraction

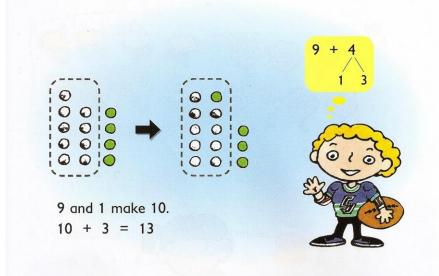


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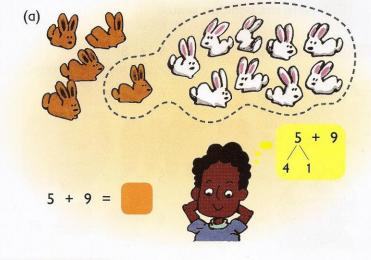






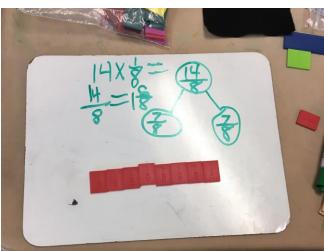


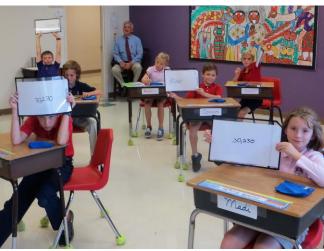
1. Add by making 10 first.

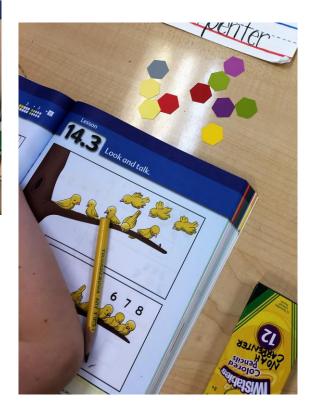


#### **Guided Practice**



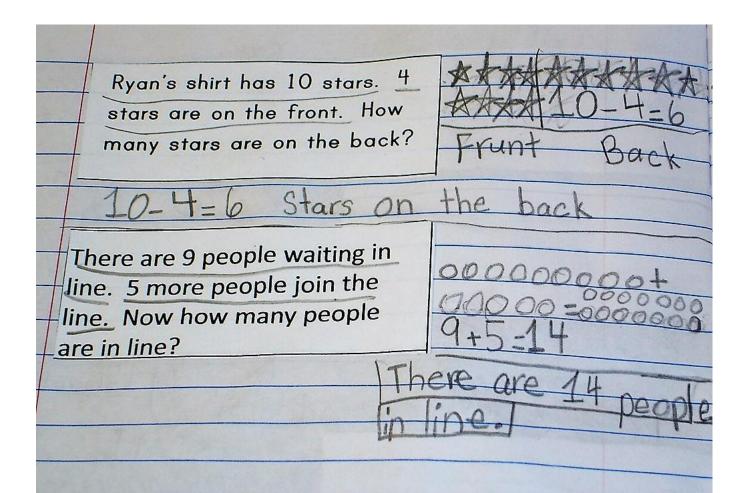






### Journaling

There are 7 pink roses and 9 yellow roses in the garden. How many roses altogether?

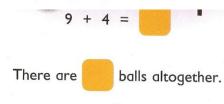


#### Planning the Anchor Task

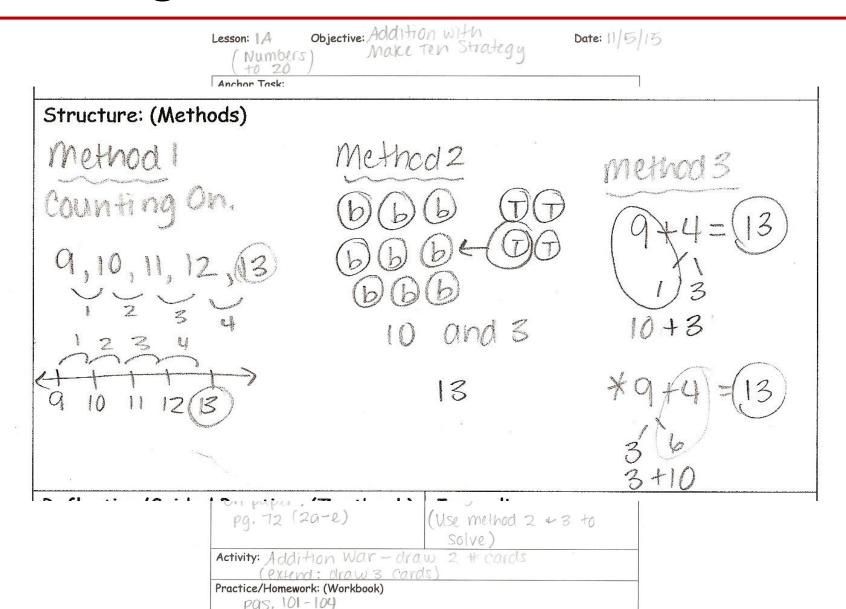
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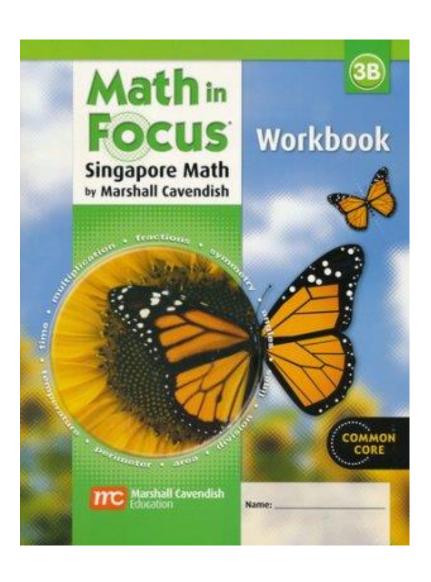
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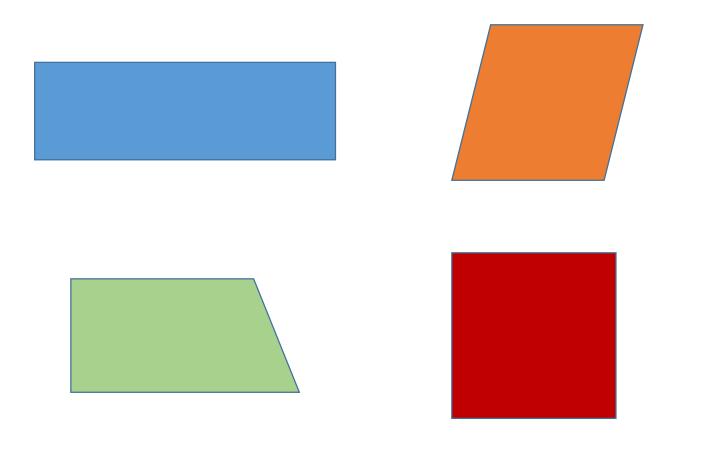


#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade



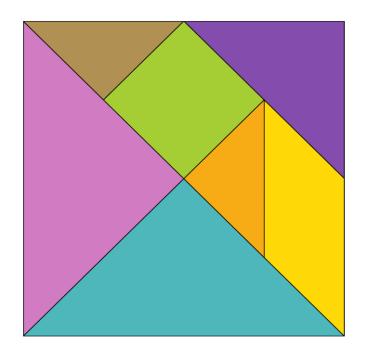
#### **Activate Prior Knowledge**

Which of these are rectangles?



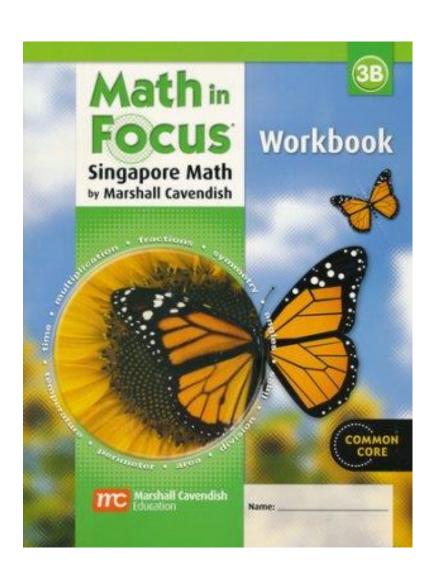
#### **Exploring and Structuring**

Make as many rectangles as you can that are the same size as the square.



## **Exploring and Structuring**

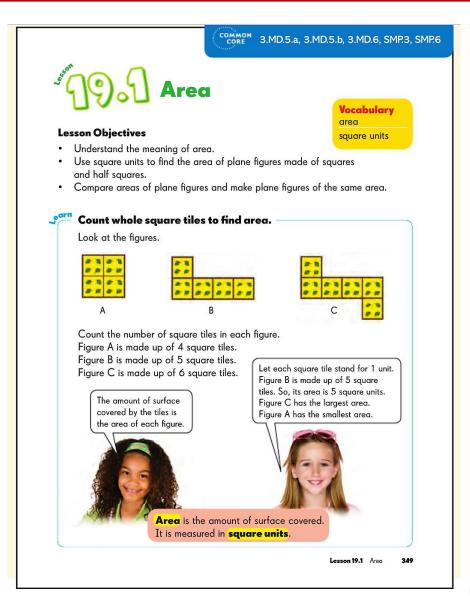
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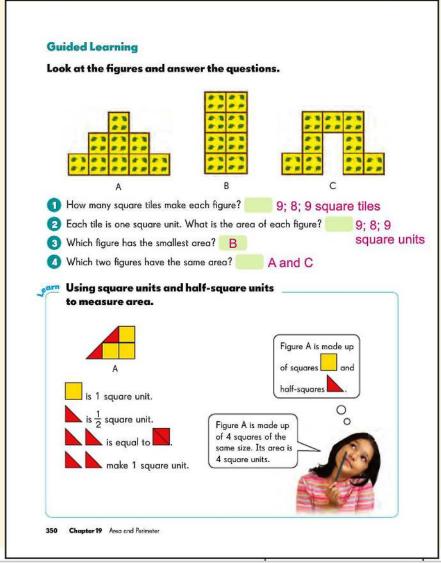


#### **Objectives:**

- Understand the meaning of area
- Use square units to find the area of plane figures made of squares and half squares
- Compare the areas of plane figures and make plane figures of the same area

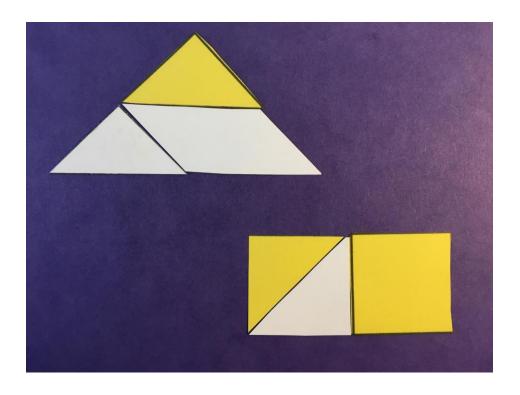
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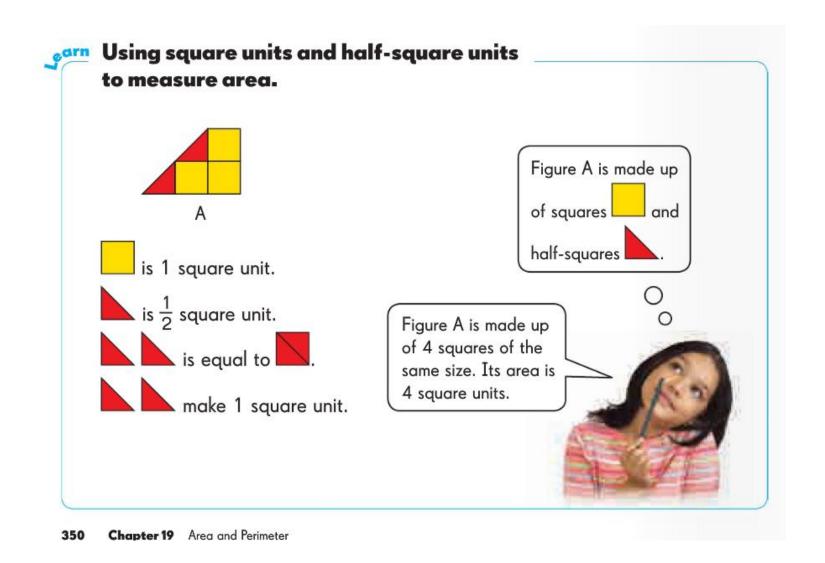


### **Journaling**

Using two Tangram sets, make a rectangle and a triangle with the same area and record them in your journal.



#### Designing the Anchor Task



#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade





#### **Activate Prior Knowledge**

Write each of the following as an equation or fraction:

1 divided by 3

5 divided by 2

13 divided by 5

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Objective: Interpret a fraction as division

#### Reflecting and Guided Practice

Discuss efficiency of methods to solve  $4 \div 3$  and practice related problems on individual whiteboards.



## Journaling

Journal #	Date:	
Title:		

#### Problem:

If the baker doubles the number of kilograms of oats to be poured equaling into 3 bags, what is the weight of each bag of oats now?

#### Designing the Anchor Task

#### **Concept Development (33 minutes)**

Materials: (S) Personal white board

#### **Problem 1**

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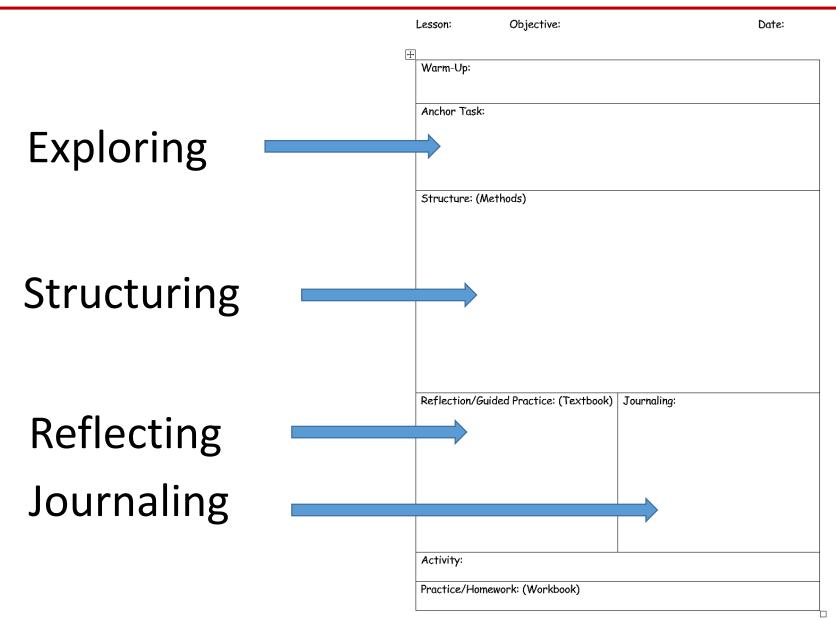
- T: In our story, which operation is needed to find the weight of each bag of oats?
- S: Division.
- T: Turn and discuss with your partner how you know, as well as what the division expression would be.
- S: When you share equally, it means taking what you have and dividing it into equal groups. → The total is 4 kilograms of oats being divided into 3 bags, so the division expression is 4 divided by 3. → The whole is 4, and the divisor is 3.
- T: Say the division expression.
- S:  $4 \div 3$ .



#### Questioning for Differentiation

- ✓ Can you prove it?
- ✓ How do you know?
- ✓ Can you solve it another way?
- ✓ Can you draw a picture or make a model to solve it?
- ✓ I wonder how this is like what we practiced yesterday?
- ✓ Can you find a connection with something you already know?
- √ What if...?

#### Four Key Processes



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