

# Using Mental Math Strategies to Deepen Number Sense



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## Why Mental Math

Mental math...

- Develops and solidifies understanding of place value

$$38 \times 40 =$$

- Builds a deep understanding of the distributive property

$$25 \times 16 =$$

- Develops flexibility with numbers

$$28 \times 25 =$$

- It's tons of FUN!

### Math Sprint

Start with the number of days in a leap year,  
subtract the number of months in a year,  
subtract the number of days in January, and  
add the number of days in a week.

## Mental Math Strategies

**Make Ten**

$9 + 4 =$

$7 + 8 =$

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$67 + 8 =$

$67 + 28 =$

$197 + 28 =$

### **Subtract from a Ten**

$$13 - 8 =$$

### **Double Subtraction**

$$13 - 8 =$$

$$43 - 8 =$$

### **Subtract Using Compensation**

$$73 - 38 =$$

$$143 - 98 =$$

## **Fact Fluency**

Fact fluency is the ability to efficiently apply a strategy and/or recall from memory basic facts.

***Teach strategies for basic facts. Memorization is not a strategy!***

### **Sample Lesson**

List and build the easy facts for multiplying by 8.

**Multiply by decomposing**

$$48 \times 3 =$$

**Multiply by the Closest Ten**

$$48 \times 3 =$$

**Divide using Multiples**

$$51 \div 3 =$$