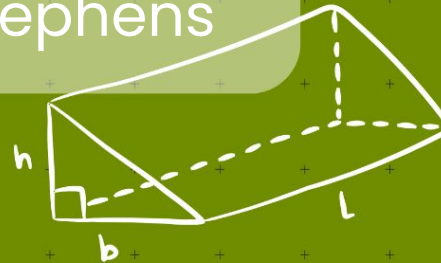


$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

# RETHINKING MATH INTERVENTIONS

Fluency Beyond Memorization

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# OUTCOMES



**WHAT IS FLUENCY?**



**WHAT'S NOT WORKING**



**WHAT ACTUALLY BUILDS  
FLUENCY**



**36%** of **4th graders**  
proficient at  
grade-level math.

**26%** of **8th graders**  
proficient at  
grade-level math.





# Do these students need intervention?

Student Name: [Redacted] Date: 10/4/24

Use U.S. Standard algorithm to solve the following addition and subtraction problems.

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# Questions to ponder...

- ❑ Was this a good assessment tool?
- ❑ Was the assessment interpreted accurately?
- ❑ What is our definition of proficiency?
- ❑ Do we know what each student needs?

The image shows two student workbooks, one slightly behind the other, both dated 10/14/24. Each workbook has a yellow box in the top left corner and a title 'Addition Within 1,000,000' (partially obscured). Below the title is the instruction: 'Use U.S. Standard algorithm to solve the following addition and subtraction problems.'

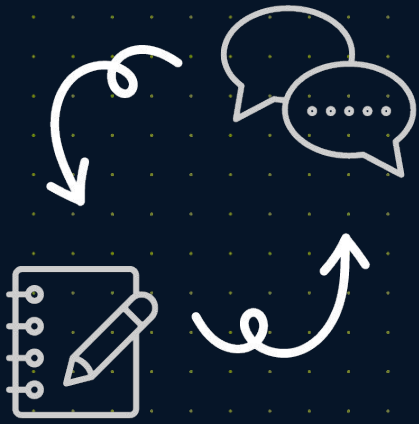
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# WHAT IS FLUENCY?





# Notebook or Neighbor

How do you define fluency?

# What is the difference?



Find the product.

$$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{3}$$

## **Student A Thought Process:**

"Yuck, I hate fractions."

## **Student B Thought Process:**

"I wonder if I need a common denominator?"

# What is the difference?



Find the product.

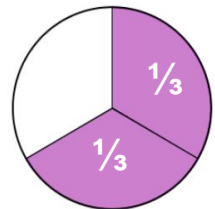
$$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{3}$$

## Student C Thought Process:

"I know I need to multiply the numerators together and the denominators together. So  $1 \times 2 = 2$  and  $2 \times 3 = 6$  so the answer would be  $\frac{2}{6}$ ."

## Student D Thought Process:

"I need to find what half of two-thirds is. If I have 2 "one-thirds" half of that would be one third ( $\frac{1}{3}$ )."



# Fluency in math is...

“Being **flexible** with numbers, understanding **why** things work, and being able to **think** through problems to get correct answers.”

–Christina Tondevold





# What is fluency?

**Fluency is...**

being able to apply procedures

**Efficiently**

**Flexibly**

**Accurately**

**MASTERY  
MUST  
FOCUS ON  
FLUENCY**



## Mathematics | Grade 2

### Grade 2 Overview

#### Operations and Algebraic Thinking

- A. Represent and solve problems involving addition and subtraction.
- B. Add and subtract within 100.
- C. Work with addition and subtraction within 100 for multiplication.

#### Number and Operations

- A. Understand the meaning of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.
- B. Use place value to understand and perform operations.

#### Measurement and Data

- A. Measure and estimate lengths in standard units.
- B. Relate addition and subtraction to length.
- C. Work with time and money.
- D. Represent and interpret data.

#### Geometry

- A. Reason with shapes and their attributes.

#### Important Definitions and Examples

- Fluency-skill in carrying out procedures flexibly, accurately, efficiently, and appropriately
- Know from memory-quick, effortless, recall of facts

**Fluency:** skill in carrying out procedures flexibly, accurately, efficiently, and appropriately

**Know from Memory:** quick, effortless, recall of facts

**Strategy:** Purposeful manipulations that may be chosen for specific problems, may not have a fixed order, and may be aimed at converting one problem into another.

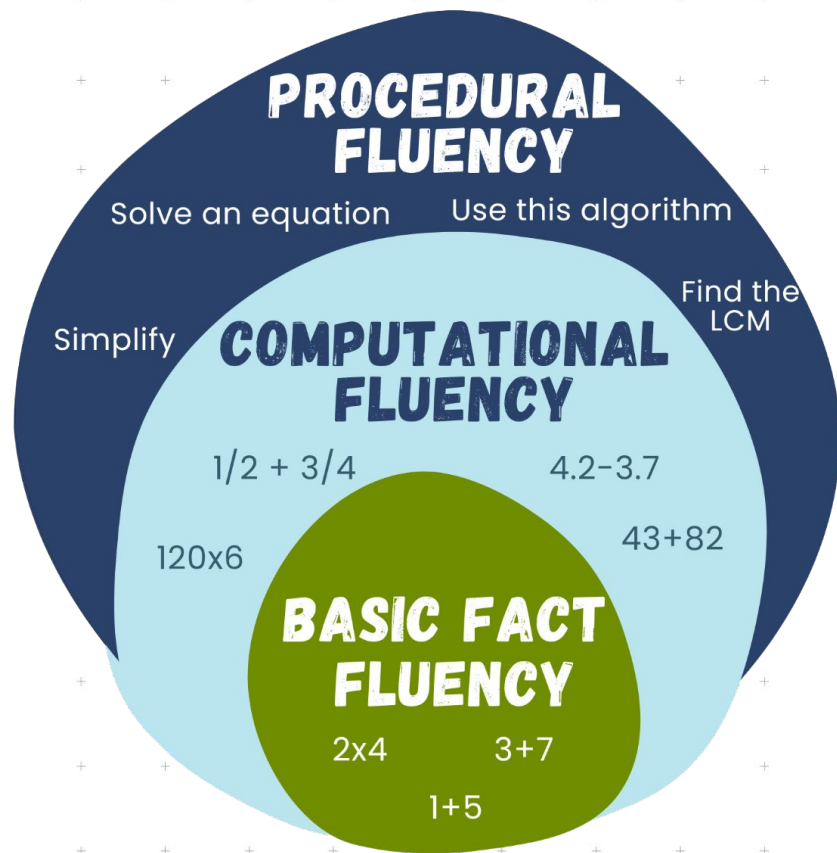
**Algorithm:** A set of predefined steps applicable to a class of problems that gives the correct result in every case when the steps are carried out correctly.

# South Dakota K-5 Math Fluency Progression

Foundations		Conceptual understanding						Fluently		Skill in carrying out procedures flexibly, accurately, efficiently and appropriately.						Strategy: Purposeful manipulations that may be chosen for specific problems, may not have a fixed order, and may be aimed at converting one problem into another.																			
Developing		Conceptual understanding with strategies to operate						Memorization		Quick, effortless recall of facts.						Algorithm: A set of predefined steps applicable to a class of problems that gives the correct result in every case when the steps are carried out correctly.																			
Kindergarten		1st Grade		2nd Grade			3rd Grade			4th Grade			5th Grade			6th Grade																			
Addition Subtraction		Addition Subtraction		Addition Subtraction Multiplication			Addition Subtraction Multiplication Division			Addition Subtraction Multiplication Division			Addition Subtraction Multiplication Division			Addition Subtraction Multiplication Division																			
Four operations with whole numbers.																																			
Within 20	Fluently add and subtract within 5.		Fluently add and subtract within 10.		Fluently add/subtract using mental strategies within 20.			Foundations only: equal groups (objects to 20) and arrays (up to 5x5)			Fluently add/subtract within 1000. (Algorithm included)			Fluently multiply/divide within 100.			Know from memory all products of 2 one digit numbers.			Divide 4 by 1-digit. (Whole digit remainders)			Fluently multiply multi-digit whole numbers. (Algorithm included)			Divide 4 by 2-digit numbers.			Fluently divide multi-digit whole numbers. (Algorithm included)						
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Decimals							Exposure to decimals in terms of money						Read, write, and compare fractions as decimals. (denominators of 10 and 100)			Add/Subtract decimals to the hundredth.			Multiply/Divide decimals to the hundredth.			Fluently add, subtract, multiply, divide multi-digit decimals. (Algorithm included)													
Four operations with fractions.																																			
Represent (visually & verbally) halves & fourths.				Represent (visually & verbally) halves, thirds, & fourths. Whole Numbers				Represent (visually, verbally, numerically) halves, thirds, & fourths, sixths, eighths. Whole Numbers, comparisons, equivalent, benchmarks				Add/Subtract fractions with like denominators (including mixed numbers).				Multiply whole number by fraction.								Divide (whole number by unit fraction) & (unit fraction by whole number)											
												Add fractions with denominators 10 and 100.								Add/Subtract fractions with unlike denominators (including mixed numbers).				Multiply (whole number x fraction) & (fraction x fraction) (including mixed numbers)								Multiply/Divide fractions by fractions. (including mixed numbers)			

# 3 Types of Fluency

When we think of fluency,  
we often just think of  
basic math facts. It is so  
much more than that...  
we **all** have a role in  
math fluency K-12!



# Basic Fact Fluency

## BASIC FACT FLUENCY

$2 \times 4$

$3 + 7$

$1 + 5$

**FLUENCY  
DEVELOPS IN  
THREE  
PHASES!**

Phase 1  
Counting  
(counts or skip counts)



Phase 2  
Deriving  
(uses reasoning strategies based  
on known facts)



Phase 3  
Mastery/Automaticity  
(efficient production of answers)

@JBayWilliams, Baroody 2006

# **PROCEDURAL FLUENCY:** **4 DECLARATIONS**

1. Basic facts should be taught using **number relationships** and **reasoning strategies**, not memorization.
2. Procedural fluency requires having a **repertoire of strategies**.

# Basic Fact Strategies

<u>STRATEGY</u>	<u>BASIC FACT</u>
<b>Making 10</b>	$7+9=6+10=16$
<b>Compensation</b> (Pretend-a-10)	$7+9=7+10=17-1=16$
<b>Near Doubles</b>	$6+5=5+5+1=11$
<b>Think Addition</b>	$11-7 \rightarrow 7+?=11$
<b>Doubling</b>	$4 \times 7 = 2 \times 7 \times 2$
<b>Add-a-Group</b>	$6 \times 7 = (5 \times 7) + 7$
<b>Subtract-a-Group</b>	$9 \times 8 = 10 \times 8 - 8$
<b>Think Multiplication</b>	$45 \div 9 \rightarrow 9 \times ? = 45$
<b>Break Apart</b>	$7 \times 6 = (2 \times 6) + (5 \times 6) = 12 + 30 = 42$



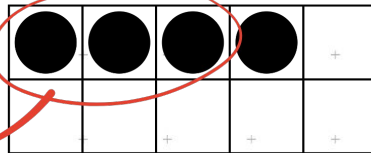
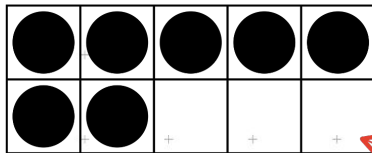
# Basic Fact Fluency

$$7+4=\underline{\quad}$$

**Phase 1:**  
(counting)



**Phase 2:**  
(deriving)



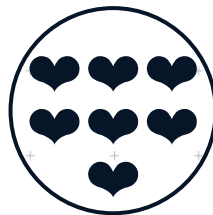
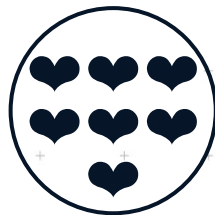
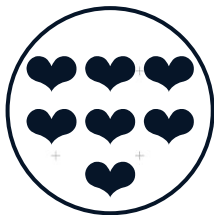
$$7+4=7+3+1=10+1=11$$

**Phase 3:**  
(automaticity)

7+4 is **11**

# Basic Fact Fluency

$$4 \times 7 = \underline{\quad}$$



**Phase 1:**  
(counting)

$$4 \times 7 = 2 \times 7 + 2 \times 7 = \\ 14 + 14 = 28$$

$$4 \times 7 = 4 \times 5 + 4 \times 2 = \\ 20 + 8 = 28$$

**Phase 3:**  
(automaticity)

4x7 is 28

# Computational Fluency

## COMPUTATIONAL FLUENCY

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

$$4.2 - 3.7$$

$$120 \times 6$$

$$43 + 82$$

## BASIC FACT FLUENCY

$$2 \times 4$$

$$3 + 7$$

$$1 + 5$$

Find the  
LCM

$$9 + 7 = 10 + 6 = 16$$

$$99 + 7 = 100 + 6 = 106$$

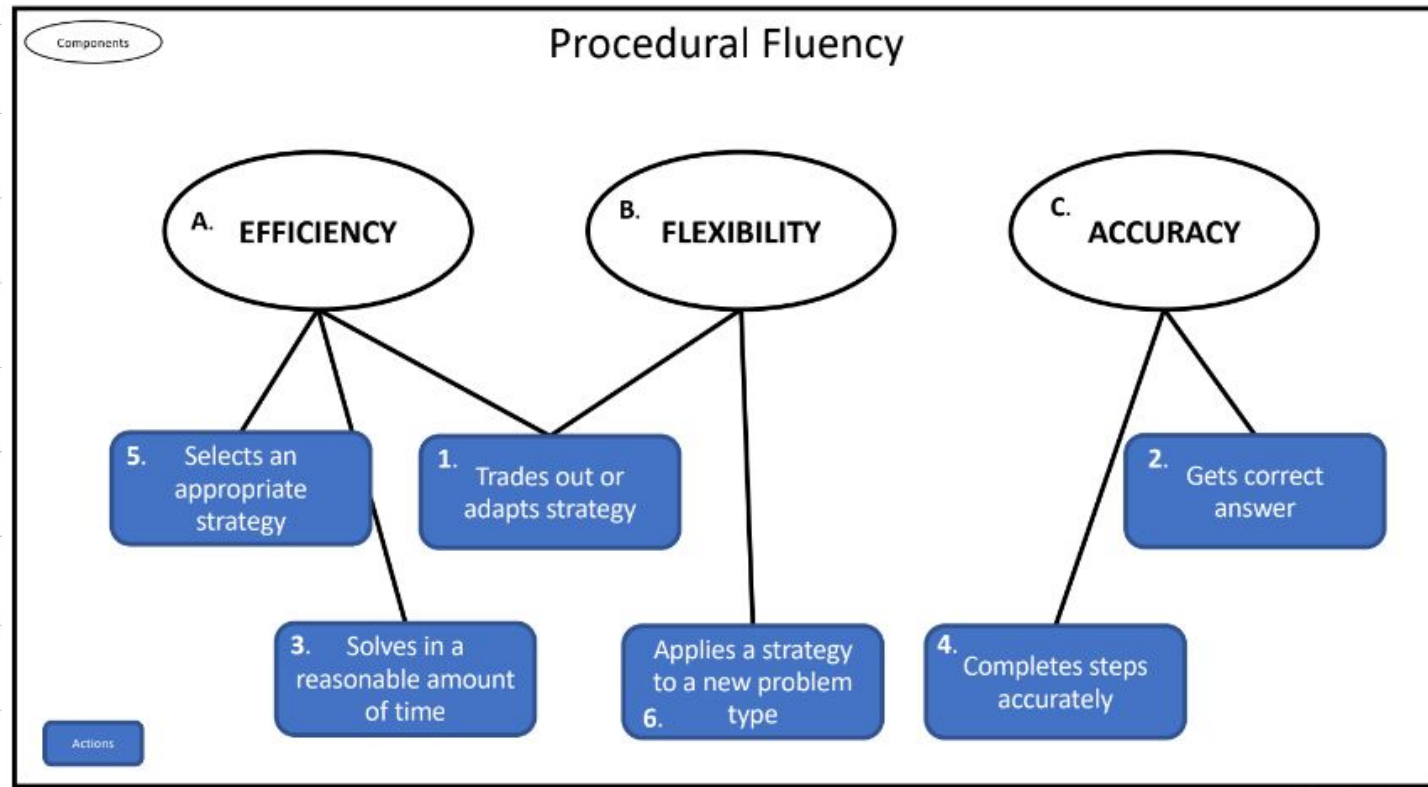
$$0.9 + 0.7 = 1 + 0.6 = 1.06$$

$$\frac{9}{10} + \frac{7}{10} = 1 + \frac{6}{10} = 1\frac{3}{5}$$

# Reasoning Strategies

<u>STRATEGY</u>	<u>RELEVANT OPERATIONS</u>
<b>1. Count On/Count Back</b>	Addition & Subtraction
<b>2. Make Tens</b>	Addition
<b>3. Use Partial</b> s	Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, & Division
<b>4. Break Apart to Multiply</b>	Multiplication
<b>5. Halve &amp; Double</b>	Multiplication
<b>6. Compensation</b>	Addition, Subtraction & Multiplication
<b>7. Use an Inverse Relationship</b>	Subtraction & Division

# Procedural Fluency



Bay-Williams & SanGiovanni, 2021

# How would you solve this?



$$1,435 \div 7$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 205 \text{ R0} \\ 7 \overline{) 1435} \\ \underline{-14} \phantom{0} \\ 03 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{-0} \phantom{0} \\ 35 \\ \underline{-35} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$1,000 \div 7$$

$$400 \div 7$$

$$30 \div 7$$

$$5 \div 7$$

..... ??

$$\begin{array}{r|l} 1435 & \\ \underline{-700} & 100 \\ 735 & \\ \underline{-700} & 100 \\ 35 & \\ \underline{-35} & 5 \\ 0 & 205 \end{array}$$

$$1,400 \div 7 = 200$$

$$35 \div 7 = 5$$

205

# **PROCEDURAL FLUENCY:** **4 DECLARATIONS**

1. Basic facts should be taught using number relationships and reasoning strategies, not memorization.
2. Procedural fluency requires having a repertoire of strategies.
3. **Conceptual understanding** must **precede** and **coincide** with instruction on procedures.



# How would you solve these?



Find the quotient

$$3\frac{1}{4} \div \frac{1}{4}$$

Handwritten solution for  $3\frac{1}{4} \div \frac{1}{4}$  on lined paper:

$$\begin{aligned} 3\frac{1}{4} \div \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{13}{4} \div \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{13}{4} \times \frac{4}{1} \\ = \frac{52}{4} = \textcircled{13} \end{aligned}$$

How many  $\frac{1}{4}$  fit into  $3\frac{1}{4}$ ?

# How would you solve these?



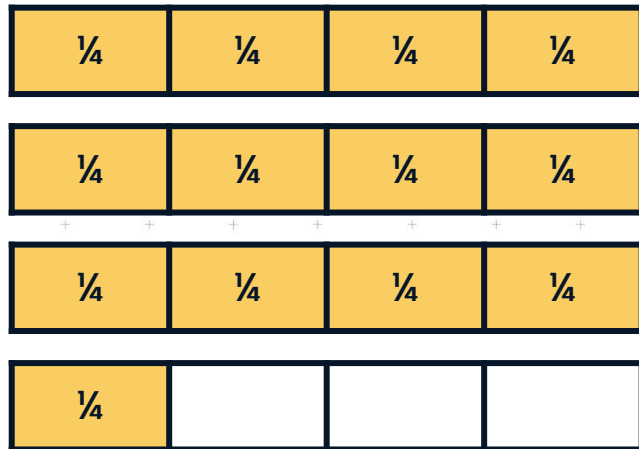
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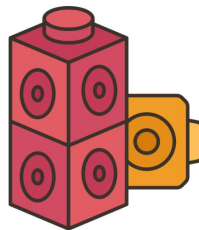
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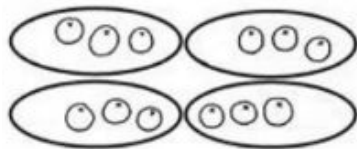
“Much research suggests that the instructional sequence of moving from physical representations *through* visual representations to symbolic representations leads to **significant gains** in math learning and understanding, particularly for students struggling in mathematics.”

**Visible Learning for  
Mathematics**

**CONCRETE**



**PICTORIAL**



**ABSTRACT**

$$12 \div 4 = 3$$

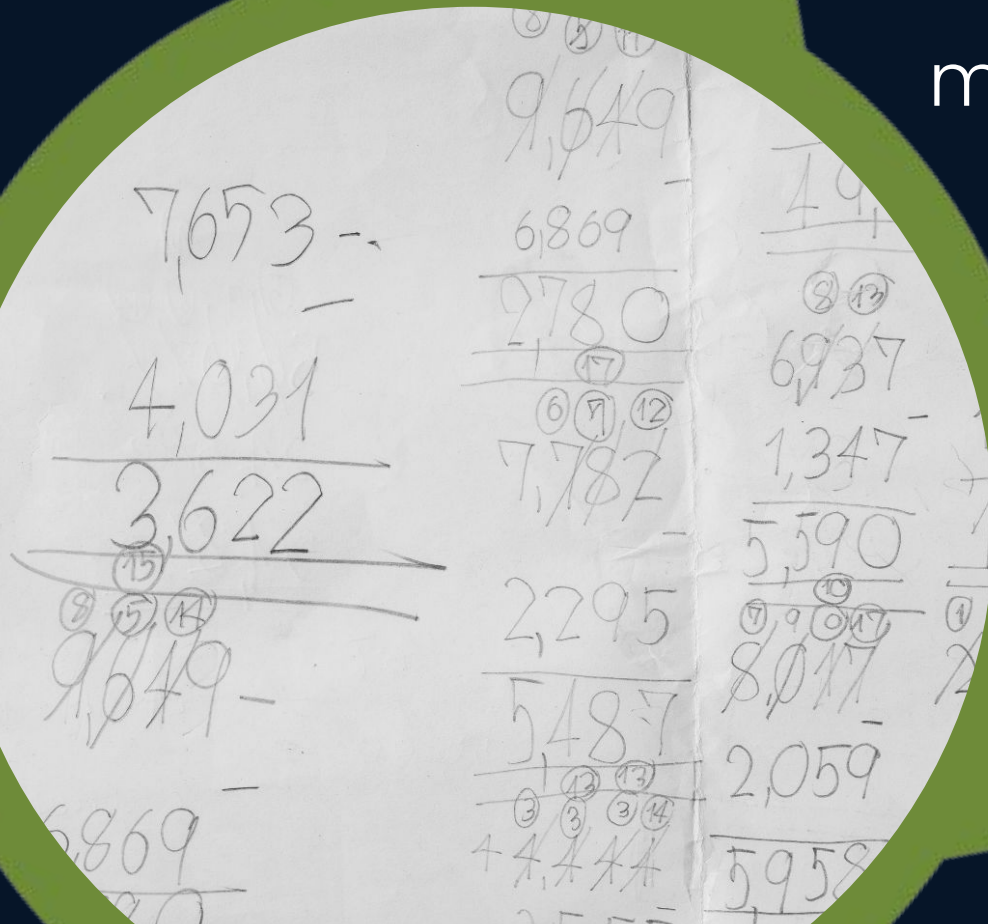
# What happens when we don't follow this order?

Conceptual foundations and reasoning strategies deepen conceptual understanding; memorizing an algorithm does not.

When students use a procedure they do not understand, they are more likely to make errors and fail to notice when the answer does not make sense.

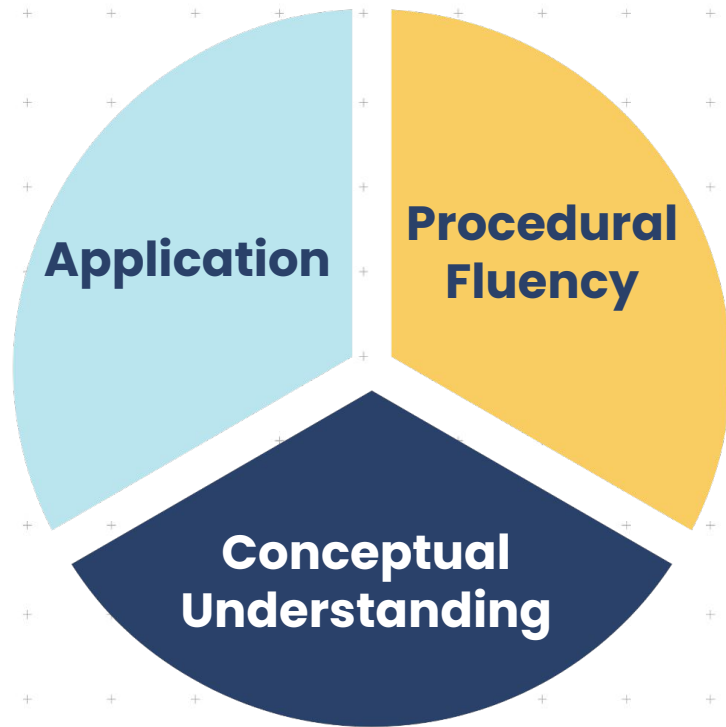
"A rush to the standard algorithm and memorizing procedures **undermines** students' confidence and may cause math anxiety, which negatively impacts student achievement."

**-Boaler, Jameson,  
Ramirez**



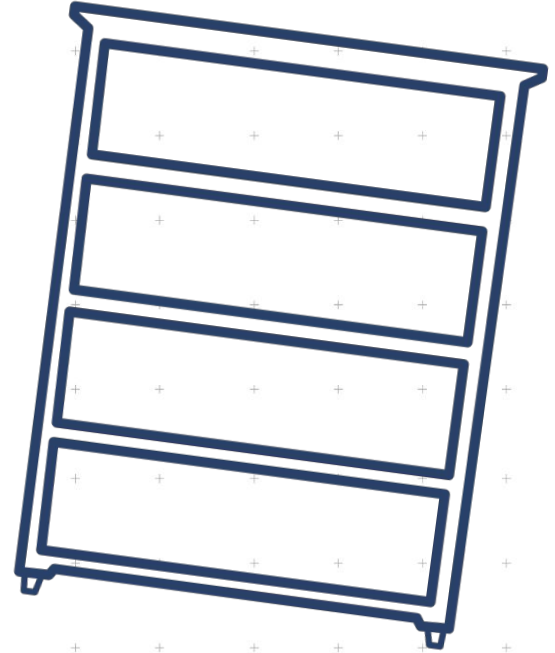
# Conceptual Understanding

**“Procedures grounded  
in understanding are  
better retained and  
applied.”**  
(Fuson 2005)



# Do we accidentally create “mimickers” instead of mathematicians?

If I can build a bookshelf by following explicit steps and directions, am I fluent at building furniture?







# Notebook or Neighbor

Has your definition of  
fluency changed?  
How so?

**WHAT'S NOT  
WORKING?**



**"My students don't read the directions."**

**"They had it last week and now they don't."**

**"The algorithm makes the most sense to my students."**

**"They always need me to get them started."**

**"They can do it with manipulatives, but don't understand when I take them away."**



# PURCHASED RESOURCE

## ASSESSMENTS



### Unit 6 Unit Assessment, Form A

Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. Which of these are equivalent to  $6.8 \times 10^3$ ? Choose all that apply.

A.  $6.8 \times 10 \times 3$   
B.  $6.8 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10$   
C. 680  
D. 6,800

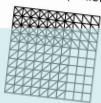
2. Knowing that  $8.4 \times 10^2 = 840$ , what is  $8.4 \times 10^5$ ?  
A. 840  
C. 84,000  
D. 840,000

3. A bag of dog food will mix for \$2.65 per pound. About how much will a bag of 100 pounds of dog food cost?

4. According to her step-counter, Juanita walked 1,600 steps yesterday. How many steps did Juanita walk today?  
A. 16 steps  
B. 160 steps  
C. 1,600 steps  
D. 16,000 steps

5. Which sum is equivalent to  $4.8 \times 0.7$ ?  
A.  $280 + 56$   
B.  $28 + 5.6$   
C.  $2.8 + 5.6$   
D.  $2.8 + 0.56$

6. Which equation is represented by the decimal grid?



- A.  $0.07 \times 0.04 = 0.28$   
B.  $7 \times 0.4 = 2.8$   
C.  $0.7 \times 0.4 = 2.8$   
D.  $0.7 \times 0.4 = 0.28$

7. A recipe for 6 sandwiches calls for 0.4 pounds of meat. How much meat will you need to make 6 sandwiches? Use a decimal grid to help you solve.



8. A rectangular storage room is 2.4 meters wide and 13 meters long. What is the area of the storage room? Use a decimal grid to solve.



### Unit 6 Unit Assessment, Form A (continued)

9. Use place-value patterns to solve. Is the equation true or false?  
A.  $6.3 \times 4.7 = 29.610$   
B.  $6.3 \times 4.7 = 29.61$   
C.  $6.3 \times 4.7 = 29.61$   
D.  $6.3 \times 4.7 = 29.61$

True	False

10. Zara knows that  $23 \times 0.86 = 19.78$ . Is the equation true or false?  
A. True  
B. False  
C. True  
D. False

11. A rectangular card measures 0.32 inch by 2.8 inch. Which is the best estimate for the area of the card?  
A. about 1 square inch  
B. about 2 square inches  
C. about 3 square inches  
D. about 50 square inches

12. What is the product of  $0.32 \times 86$ ? Use place-value patterns to solve.  
A. 27.52  
B. 27.52  
C. 27.52  
D. 27.52

13. Marielle makes \$9.75 per hour. About how much money does Marielle make when she works 7.6 hours? Explain which estimation strategy you used.

14. Yusef walks 0.7 kilometer to the park. He walks to the park this year. How many kilometers does Yusef walk to the park this year? Explain the strategy you used to solve.

15. Each eraser is 4 centimeters long. How long is the eraser? Explain the strategy you used to solve.

**Too Long!**  
**Too guided/scaffolded**  
**Not organized by skill/outcome**  
**Hard to analyze**  
**Multiple Choice**



# PURCHASED RESOURCE

## PACING

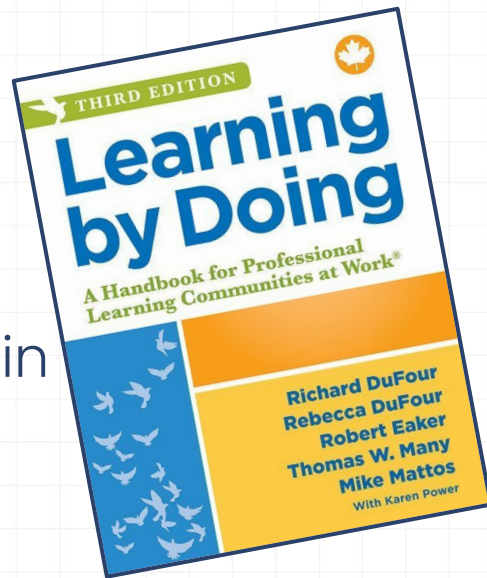


FOCUS ON PROFICIENCY IN SKILLS–NOT COVERAGE!

Strict/rigid pacing guides promote  
“covering” the curriculum as opposed to  
**teaching the curriculum.**

“Constructive pacing guides assume differences in teachers, students, and school contexts. They adjust expectations through frequent revisions based on *input from teachers*(CFA’s).”

*Jane David (2008)*





# PURCHASED RESOURCE

## PRACTICE



**-Too much practice on computers!**

-Often provides practice with specific strategies & focused solely on accuracy

-Practice often stops when the unit ends... **Students need more than “15 days” to become fluent!**

-Practice provided is typically designed to be independent and in a workbook... **Practice can be fun!**

**We need to provide practice analyzing problems, predicting reasonable answers, and choosing an appropriate strategy.**

LESSON	
Unit Opener	Math Corner Sum
5-1	Strategies to Add Fluently within 20
5-2	More Strategies to Add Fluently within 20
5-3	Represent Addition with 2 Digit Numbers
5-4	Use Properties to Add
5-5	Decompose Two Addends to Add
5-6	Use a Number Line to Add
5-7	Decompose One Addend to Add
5-8	Adjust Addends to Add
Math Probe: Addition Strategies	
5-9	Add More Than Two Numbers
5-10	Solve One- and Two-Step Problems Using Addition

**Cross multiply**

**Move the decimal**

**Butterfly Method**

**Just add a zero**

**Carry the one**

**Cancel**

**Flip and multiply**

**Rainbow Method**

**"More" means addition**



# MATH TRICKS

## THEY DON'T STICK!



Conceptual Understanding → Procedural Fluency

$$\frac{5}{8} \div \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\frac{5}{x} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\frac{3}{5} \times \frac{2}{3}$$

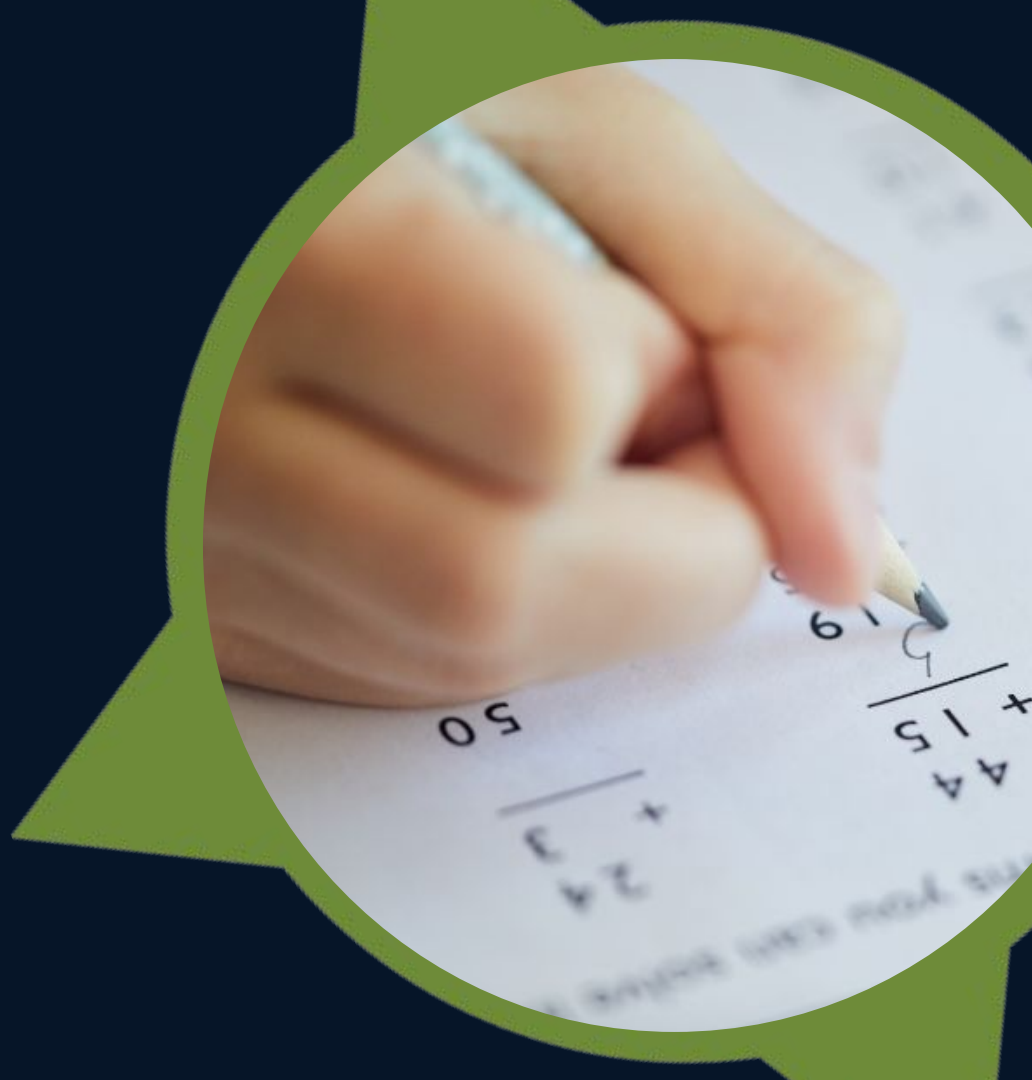
“How did my  
teacher do that?”

“Which of my strategies  
are a good fit for this  
problem?”



"It is possible that the reason many people think that fluency is the same as mastery or automaticity is because **accuracy** is the only thing we assess."

-Jennifer M. Bay-Williams  
& John J. SanGiovanni





# COMMON MISCONCEPTION



**FLUENCY = AUTOMATICITY**

**TIMED TESTS DO NOT ASSESS FLUENCY!**

**Timed tests only assess:**

- Efficiency(memorization?)
- Accuracy

**Automaticity is just one component...true fluency also includes decision making(conceptual understanding)!**



# COMMON MISCONCEPTION



**FLUENCY = AUTOMATICITY**

**Could timed tests be doing more harm than good?**

“Timed math tests can discourage students, leading to a math anxiety and a long-term fear of the subject.”

**–Jo Boaler, 2014**





# COMMON MISCONCEPTION



**FLUENCY = AUTOMATICITY**

## How could we use timed tests differently?

- Don't share time limit with students
- Use it as a diagnostic to further investigate**
- Use for student self-assessment
- Two pen test
- Don't expect completion



# COMMON MISCONCEPTION

**CORRECT ANSWERS MATTER MOST**



Unit 4

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## UNIT ASSESSMENT

1. How can you decompose the second addend to make 10 with the first addend?  
Circle your answer.

$7+6=$  13 ✓

A.  $3+3$

B.  $1+5$

~~C.  $0+6$~~

D.  $2+4$

2. What is the sum?

a.  $37+65$

$30+60=90$

$7+5=$  11

$90+10=100$

$100+10=110$

3. Ellie has 94 apples that she was able to pick from her tree. She gets 42 more the next month. How many apples did Ellie get in all?

$94+42$

$30+40$

$4+2$

$70$

$6$

4. If  $34+49$  is 83, what is  $49+34$ ?

$49+34=$  83 ✓

$70+6=$  76 ✓

5. If an athlete runs 24 miles in April and 37 miles in May, Bryce thinks that they ran 50 miles. Do you agree or disagree? Provide reasoning.

I agree ~~20+20=40~~ so she ran more than 50 miles

## Success Criteria:



I can add single digit numbers.

I can decompose numbers into tens and ones.

I can add two numbers within 100.

I can find sums accurately.

I know that more tells me to add.

I can solve story problems.

**Grouping students by accuracy alone will prevent us from targeting specific skills that are missing!**

# How would you solve this?



$$535 + 398$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 535 \\ + 398 \\ \hline 933 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 500 + 300 + 90 + 30 + 8 + 5 \\ 800 + 120 + 13 \\ 933 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 533 + 400 \\ 933 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 535 + 400 = 935 \\ 935 - 2 = 933 \end{array}$$



# COMMON STRUGGLE

## "NEW MATH" IS CONFUSING



The standard algorithm is only one strategy.

There are many instances where the standard algorithm is not the most **efficient**.

**This might be teacher's comfort zone!**



# COMMON STRUGGLE

## "NEW MATH" IS CONFUSING



Many elementary teachers enter the profession with limited preparation in math (NCTQ, 2022), and gaps in content knowledge often lead to instructional uncertainty and anxiety.



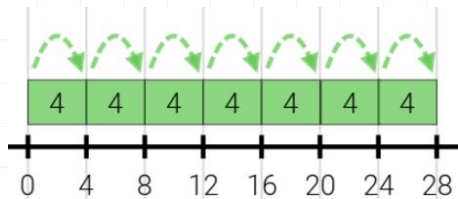


# COMMON STRUGGLE

## TOO MANY STRATEGIES!



$$4 \times 7 = \underline{\quad}$$



Visual representations are not strategies! They are meant to deepen conceptual understanding.

### Doubles

$$4 \times 7 = 2 \times 7 + 2 \times 7 = \\ 14 + 14 = 28$$

### Break Apart

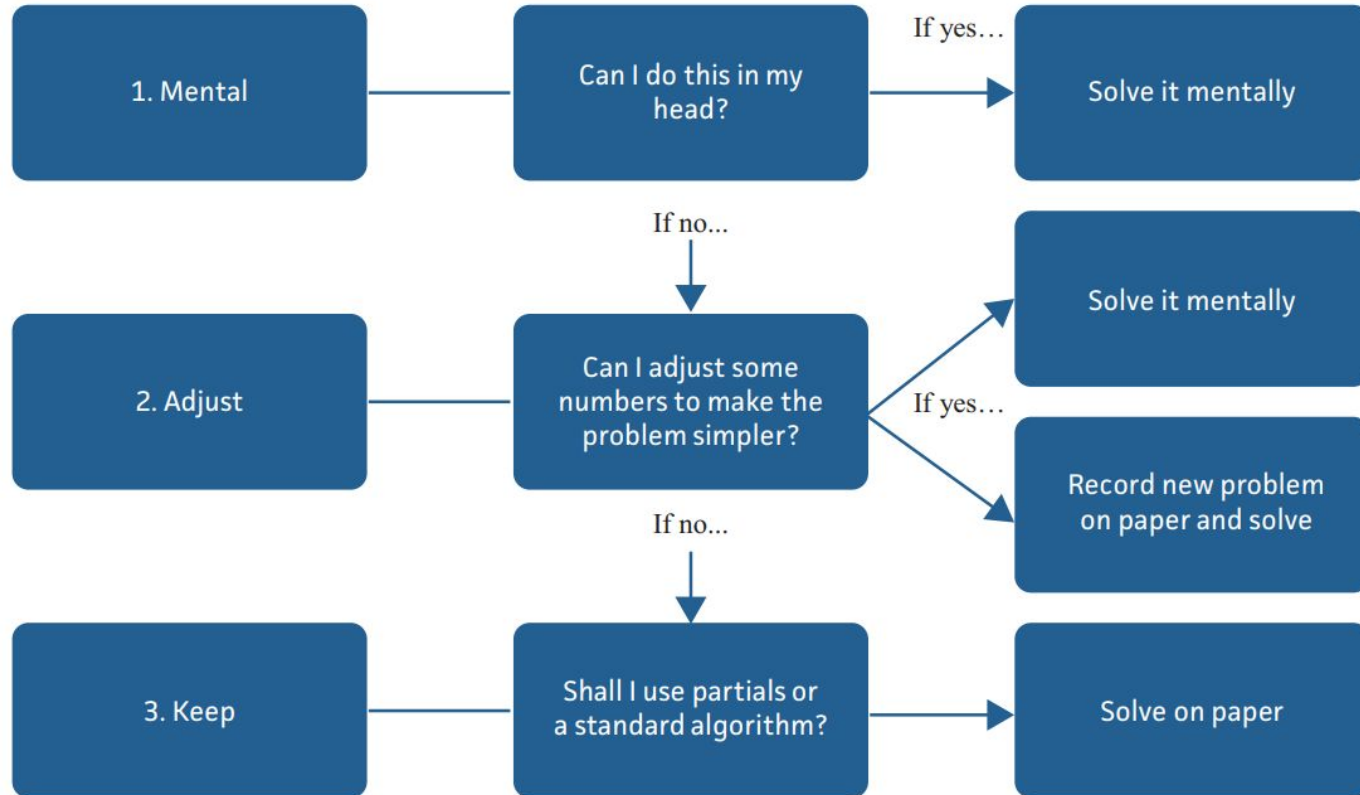
$$4 \times 7 = 4 \times 5 + 4 \times 2 = \\ 20 + 8 = 28$$

### Add/Subtract a Group

$$4 \times 7 = 4 \times 6 + 4 = 24 + 4 = 28$$

Part of being fluent is having **flexibility** within strategies.

# METACOGNITIVE PROCESS FOR SELECTING A STRATEGY





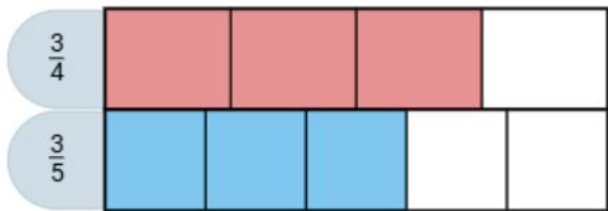
# COMMON STRUGGLE

## MANIPULATIVES AREN'T WORKING



**"They can do it with the manipulatives, but then can't when I take them away."**

Manipulatives are meant to deepen conceptual understanding. They are not meant to simply solve problems.



$$\frac{3}{4} \bigcirc \frac{3}{5}$$



# COMMON STRUGGLE

CENTERS (SMALL GROUP) ARE TOO MUCH WORK!



**Too much to plan!**

**Too many transitions!**

**Hard to manage students!**

**Too many materials to prepare!**

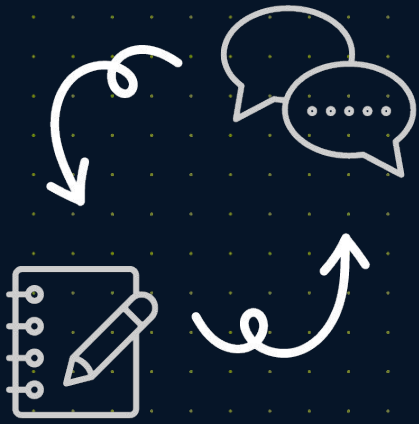


# COMMON STRUGGLE

## CENTERS(SMALL GROUP) ARE TOO MUCH WORK!



- Centers can span the course of many days
  - Centers should be repeated
- Avoid physical movement until you're ready
- Teacher does not have to be a center
  - **Work up to this!**
- Resources should be shared across multiple grade levels.
- Centers can be designed so the materials stay the same and the task changes
- Utilize some "low maintenance" centers.



# Notebook or Neighbor

Which of these common  
struggles do you  
experience in your  
school?

# WHAT ACTUALLY BUILDS FLUENCY



# “My students don’t know...”

...basic addition

...fractions

...their multiplication facts

...the standard algorithm

## What DO they know? SHOULD they know it?





# Do these students need the same intervention?

## **STUDENT A**

Struggling with their multiplication facts, including their 2's.

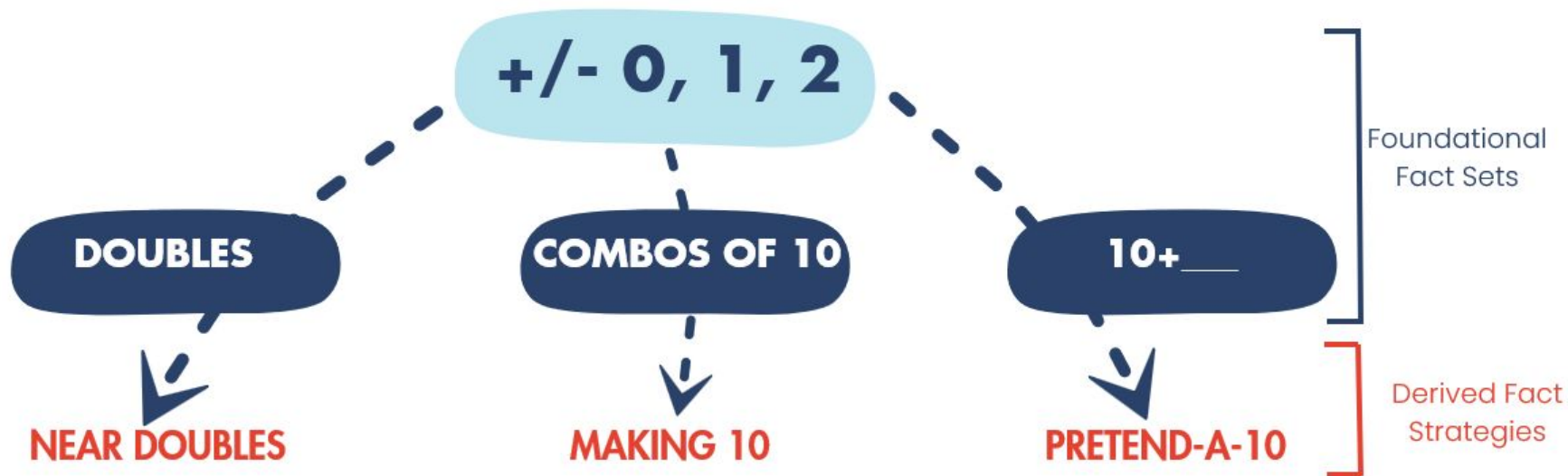
## **STUDENT B**

Successful with most multiplication facts, but struggling on 7's.

## **STUDENT C**

Unable to finish the assessment in time, but all correct.

# Addition Learning Progression



# I AM LEARNING TO...

fluently add within 20.

1

I KNOW HOW TO ADD ZERO, ONE, & TWO.  
 $1+0=?$     $1+8=?$     $1+2=?$

0 1 2

2

I KNOW THE PARTS OF AN ADDITION EQUATION.

$12 + 4 = 16$   
 ADDEND   ADDEND   SUM

3

I CAN COUNT ON TO FIND A SUM.

$3 + 11 = 14$   
 I CAN COUNT ON FROM THE FIRST ADDEND.   I CAN COUNT ON FROM THE LARGEST ADDEND.

5

I KNOW MY FACT FAMILIES OF 10.

$10$   
 $1 + 9$     $2 + 8$     $3 + 7$   
 $4 + 6$     $5 + 5$

6

I CAN ADD WITHIN 10.

10

7

I KNOW MY DOUBLES UP TO 10.

$1+1=$     $6+6=$   
 $2+2=$     $7+7=$   
 $3+3=$     $8+8=$   
 $4+4=$     $9+9=$   
 $5+5=$     $10+10=$

8

I CAN ADD WITHIN 20 EFFICIENTLY.

COUNTING ON   DOUBLES  
 $6+6=12$     $9+9=18$   
 MAKE A TEN   NEAR DOUBLES  
 $7+5=12$     $6+7=13$

# I AM LEARNING TO...

add within 100.

1

I CAN ADD WITHIN 20 EFFICIENTLY.

COUNTING ON   DOUBLES  
 $6+6=12$     $9+9=18$   
 MAKE A TEN   NEAR DOUBLES  
 $7+5=12$     $6+7=13$

2

I CAN REPRESENT ADDITION EQUATIONS USING BASE TEN BLOCKS

3

I UNDERSTAND THE COMMUTATIVE PROPERTY AND CAN APPLY IT.

$23 + 42 = 65$   
 $42 + 23 = 65$

4

I CAN DECOMPOSE TO FIND A SUM. (PARTIAL SUMS)

$51 + 28$   
 $50 + 1$     $20 + 8$   
 $50 + 20 = 70$     $1 + 8 = 9$   
 $70 + 9 = 79$

5

I CAN COUNT ON TO FIND A SUM. (NUMBER LINE)

$57 + 35 = 92$

6

I CAN ADJUST ADDENDS. (COMPENSATION)

$27 + 38 = 65$   
 $+3$     $-3$   
 $30 + 35 = 65$

7

I CAN SOLVE PROBLEMS WITH REGROUPING.

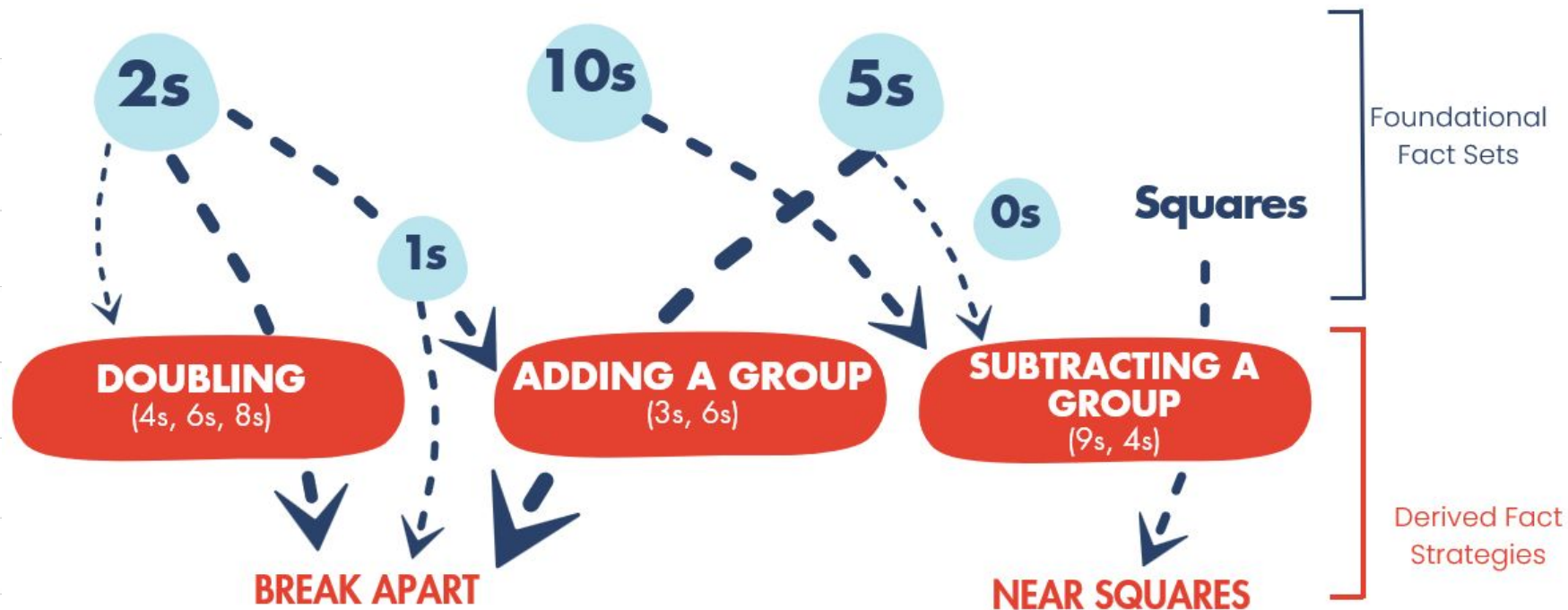
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I CAN ADD WITHIN 100 USING DIFFERENT STRATEGIES.

DECOMPOSING   ADJUST ADDENDS  
 COUNTING ON



# Multiplication Learning Progression



# What facts DO they know?

Intervene differently depending on the facts they don't!

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	0										
1	1	2									
2	2	3	4								
3	3	4	5	6							
4	4	5	6	7	8						
5	5	6	7	8	9	10					
6	6	7	8	9	10	11	12				
7	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
8	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
11	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
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19	19	20									
20	20										

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	1									
2	2	4								
3	3	6	9							
4	4	8	12	16						
5	5	10	15	20	25					
6	6	12	18	24	30	36				
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49			
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64		
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100

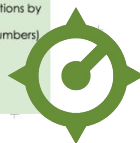
**7 + 8**  
I counted

**9 + 6**  
I used a strategy

**6 + 5 + 4**  
I knew it

Reasoning Strategy Sorting Mat

@JBayWilliams

[illegible]



# PROCEDURAL FLUENCY: 4 DECLARATIONS

1. Basic facts should be taught using number relationships and reasoning strategies, not memorization.
2. Procedural fluency requires having a repertoire of strategies.
3. Conceptual understanding must precede and coincide with instruction on procedures.
4. **Assessing** must attend to fluency components and the learner. Assessments often assess accuracy, **neglecting efficiency and flexibility**.

# How can we assess fluency?



## PAPER ASSESSMENT

- Keep questions open ended.
- Describe if a worked example is efficient or not.
- Ask students to use learned strategies at least once.



## INTERVIEW

- Ask students to solve and then share with you how.
- Smile & Encourage, but to not teach, correct, or confirm.
- For some, ask how they know their answer is reasonable



## OBSERVATION

- Observe during small group tasks, games, or centers.
- Use an observation checklist
- All students don't have to be observed in one day!



# What does proficiency in fluency look like?

<b>BEGINNING</b> <b>1</b>	<b>DEVELOPING</b> <b>2</b>	<b>EMERGING</b> <b>3</b>	<b>ACCOMPLISHED</b> <b>4</b>
Knows one algorithm or strategy but continues to get stuck or make errors.	Demonstrates efficiency and accuracy with at least one strategy/ algorithm, but does not stop to think if there is a more efficient possibility.	Demonstrates efficiency and accuracy with several strategies, and sometimes selects an efficient strategy, though still figuring out when to use and not use a strategy.	Demonstrates efficiency and accuracy with several strategies and is adept at matching problems with efficient strategies (knowing when to use each and when not to).

# Interview Assessment

	Teacher 1 Name						Notes Key						A - Automatic		After reading the equation, student produces answer effortlessly			
							F-Fingers CA-Count all CO-Count On (Larger or 1st #)						D-Doubles (+/- 1 or 2) MT-Make Ten					
	Addition within 20														P/c - Prolonged/ Counting		Counted all, count on from first addend, student needed additional thinking time, self corrects, etc.	
	Foundational Facts			10+ _ & 10's Facts			Doubles		Close Addends		Addends			X - Incorrect or No Response		Strategy Follow-up Questions		
0+12= _	1+13= _	2+17= _	10+7= _	3+7= _	6+4= _	5+5= _	4+4= _	7+7= _	5+6= _	3+4= _	9+7= _	8+4= _	7+5= _	TOTAL				
Student 1	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	# Correct 14	# Automatic 14	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10+ _ (10+9? 10+2?) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10's Facts (8+2? 1+9?) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doubles (8+8? 9+9?)	
Student 2	A	A	P/C	A	P/C	P/C	A	A	A	S	A	P/C	P/C	A	# Correct 14	# Automatic 8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10+ _ (10+9? 10+2?) <input type="checkbox"/> 10's Facts (8+2? 1+9?) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doubles (8+8? 9+9?)	Needs practice with make ten strategy and 10's facts
Student 3	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	P/C	X	S	S	S	# Correct 13	# Automatic 9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10+ _ (10+9? 10+2?) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10's Facts (8+2? 1+9?) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doubles (8+8? 9+9?)	Needs more practice with near doubles strategy!
Student 4	X	P/C	P/C	A	P/C	P/C	A	P/C	P/C	P/C	A	P/C	X	P/C	# Correct 12	# Automatic 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10+ _ (10+9? 10+2?) <input type="checkbox"/> 10's Facts (8+2? 1+9?) <input type="checkbox"/> Doubles (8+8? 9+9?)	Primarily Counting On!

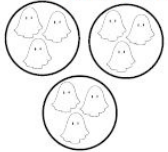

# Conceptual Understanding

## I AM LEARNING...

how to represent multiplication.



1

I CAN REPRESENT MULTIPLICATION USING EQUAL GROUPS.


2

I CAN REPRESENT MULTIPLICATION USING ARRAYS.





3

I CAN WRITE REPEATED ADDITION EQUATIONS.



$3+3+3+3=12$




4

I KNOW WHAT FACTORS AND PRODUCTS ARE.

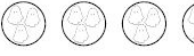
PRODUCT  
 $3 \times 4 = 12$

FACTORS




5

I CAN WRITE MULTIPLICATION EQUATIONS.




$3 \times 4 = 12$



6


I UNDERSTAND THE COMMUTATIVE PROPERTY AND CAN APPLY IT.

$3 \times 4 = 12$   
 $4 \times 3 = 12$



7

I CAN FIND THE PRODUCT BY COUNTING.




$5 \times 3 = 15$

COUNT ALL  
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

SUBITIZE & COUNT ON  
LOTS OF WAYS  
6, 12, 18, 24 OR 10, 12, 15, 18


SKIP COUNTING  
5, 10, 15 OR 3, 6, 9, 12, 15



# When teaching and assessing fluency, we must...

- Explicitly teach **vocabulary**
- Prioritize **student discourse**
- Model & practice **reasoning** strategies
- Provide low and **high level tasks**
- Demonstrate & practice **strategy choice**
- Assess true **fluency**

Math  
language is  
not its own  
lesson. It is in  
**every** lesson!

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quotient independent  
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# Vocabulary

## Identify word parts

**#3**

I can decompose a composite figure into rectangles by drawing a partition.

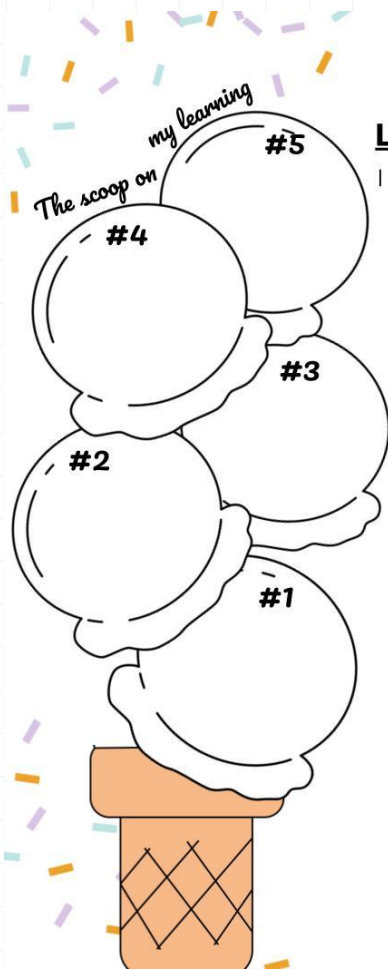
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### LEARNING INTENTION:

I am learning to find area of composite figures by decomposing into rectangles.

### SUCCESS CRITERIA:

#1	I know what a composite figure is.
#2	I know what it means to decompose a figure with a partition and that they cannot overlap.
#3	I can decompose a composite figure into rectangles by drawing a partition.
#4	After I decompose the composite figure, I know to add the areas to find the total area.
#5	I can use multiplication and decomposing to find area in story problems, and include units in my answer.



# Vocabulary

Identify word parts

#3	I can decompose a composite figure into rectangles by drawing a partition.
----	--

decompose

"undo"

partition

"part"



**“The person  
doing the  
talking is the  
person doing  
the  
learning.”**





# Cognitive Task Analysis



COGNITIVE  
TASK ANALYSIS

1.09

## What it **is not**:

Following an algorithm.

Mimicking steps from a teacher or example.

Asking for immediate help when I get a wrong answer.

## What it **is**:

**Knowing when certain strategies are efficient.**

**Being able to identify and explain each step.**

**Using success criteria to identify exactly which steps are confusing.**

# How would you solve this?



Find the product.

$$5.5 \times 12$$

*Can I do this in my head?*

$$5.5 \times 12$$

$$= 5.5 \times (2 \times 6)$$

$$= 11 \times 6$$

$$= 66$$

# Focused

“Mixed practice happens after **focused** practice has taken place.”

**Make Tens(Hundreds)**

**STRATEGY PROBLEM SORT PLACEMAT**

STRATEGY: \_\_\_\_\_

Problems That Fit This Strategy

Problems That Don't Fit This Strategy

**ADDITION CARDS STRATEGY PROBLEM SORT CENTER**

$399 + 447$	$516 + 628$	$298 + 400$	$299 + 899$
$601 + 99$	$344 + 744$	$899 + 313$	$79 + 417$
$119 + 350$	$434 + 697$	$73 + 902$	$54 + 64$

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# Practice

We need students to practice...

**Efficiently**

**Flexibly**

**Accurately**

That One

(Which problems would solve with the standard algorithm?)

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A.  $0.25 \times 48$

D.  $1.09 \times 42.4$

B.  $9 \times 12.3$

E.  $8.5 \times 0.2$

C.  $3.7 \times 4.1$

F.  $4.5 \times 2$

# Reasoning Routines

**You can do this every day! With little to no prep!**

1. Estimate every problem!
2. Check reasonableness of answers.
3. Argumentation

Susan read  $\frac{4}{5}$  of an hour and then  $\frac{7}{8}$  of an hour later that day. She claims that she read 2 hours. Do you agree or disagree?



It's no secret that society doesn't like math...

**WE HAVE THE POWER TO  
CHANGE THAT.**



# RESOURCES

