

Kindergarten

The models used in Kindergarten are used to help students understand numbers, make sense of relationships among numbers and begin to develop strategies for addition and subtraction.

First Grade

The models in 1<sup>st</sup> grade are used to help students compose and decompose numbers, make sense of relationships among numbers, understand place value, develop strategies for basic addition and subtraction, and begin to add and subtract with multi-digit numbers.

Second Grade

The models in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are used to help students structure number, continue to develop and apply place value understandings, and develop efficient strategies for computing with multi-digit numbers.

Third Grade

The models in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are used to help students develop strategies for computing with multi-digit numbers, with a focus on multiplication and division.

Fourth Grade

The models in 4<sup>th</sup> grade are used to help students develop efficient strategies for computing with multi-digit numbers, as well as analyzing fractions, and decimals.

GRADE	MODELS	PICTURE	HOW AND WHY THE MODEL IS USED
	Number Line and Double Number Line		<p>Students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade will use the number line to compare and order fractions and decimals. By reasoning about the relationships between the numbers, students place fractions and decimals on a number line given the position of other numbers already placed. In addition, students will use paper strips, egg cartons, geoboards and base ten pieces to model, read, write, compare, compose and decompose fractions.</p>
	Open Number Line		<p>The open number line is used to show how repeated addition is related to multiplication. It is also used to model addition and subtraction strategies such as give and take or constant difference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Give and take is moving one part of a number to the other numbers to make addition easier.</li> <li>Constant difference is adding or subtracting the <u>same value</u> to both numbers to make the subtraction easier</li> </ul>
	Array or Area Model		<p>Students build on this model from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade by continuing to work with multiplication and beginning division. They expand the model by using closed arrays, base 10 and linear pieces, and then open arrays.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closed array- they count each square units by 1.</li> <li>Base 10 and Linear array- the area is modeled in bigger chunks, tens and ones, and the dimensions are defined by the linear pieces helping students distinguish between area measures and linear measures.</li> <li>Open array- arrays are chunked together in pieces that are convenient and efficient for the problem.</li> </ul> <p>While students will discover many ways to solve multiplication and division problems, the array model provides a way for them to discuss their strategies with one another, decompose (break apart) the numbers, apply the distributive property, and identify partial products.</p>
	Ratio Table		<p>Ratio Tables in 4<sup>th</sup> grade continue to build an understanding about multiplication and the relationships between numbers. Later, the ratio table becomes a tool for students to use when problem solving, computing multiplication, division, and fraction problems, as well as make conversions. This model will continue to be used in higher grades as well.</p>
	Base Ten Area Pieces		<p>Base ten area pieces are important in introducing the standard way to add and subtract because they focus on place and value. Because this model was in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade are expected to transition very quickly from base 10 pieces to numbers. In addition, base 10 pieces can be used to model fractions when the large square is assigned a value of one.</p>

Fifth Grade

The models in 5<sup>th</sup> grade are used to help students develop efficient strategies for computing with multi-digit numbers, fractions and decimals.

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	<p>Array or Area Model- Whole Numbers</p>		<p>Students continue their work with this model from 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> grade to develop efficient methods for building, sketching, and recording multi-digit multiplication and division problems. It also provides a foundation that allows students to use the traditional method with understanding.</p>
	<p>Array or Area Model- Fractions</p>		<p>When students begin to multiply fractions, the area model helps them with understanding why the product of two fractions is often smaller than the two fractions being multiplied. The area model is also a powerful tool when multiplying mixed numbers. It connects multiplying mixed numbers to students' work with multiplying whole numbers. Splitting the mixed number into whole numbers and fractions makes it a manageable multiplication problem. As students become more efficient they may split the array into two parts instead of four.</p>
	<p>Ratio Table</p>		<p>This model is used to continue and expand upon the work done in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Early in the year the model is used to represent such multiplication strategies as increasing one of the factors by 1 to simplify an otherwise difficult problem. Ratio tables can also be used to model finding common denominators to add and subtract fractions, multiply and divide decimals, and develop an understanding of where to place the decimal point when multiplying or dividing by powers of 10.</p>
	<p>Number Line and Double Number Line</p>		<p>Number lines and double number lines are used as a tool to develop an understanding of computing operations with fractions. Students can use these models to answer questions like the ones below (models shown to the left)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>4 \div \frac{1}{3} = 12</math></li> <li>Mr Miles has a 35 km trail by his house. He ran <math>\frac{1}{7}</math> of the trail 1 day and then <math>\frac{3}{5}</math> of the trail the next day. What fraction of the trail did he run in all? How many total km did he run?</li> </ol>
	<p>Open Number Line</p>		<p>Students use the open number line in 5<sup>th</sup> grade as a tool to solve decimal addition and subtraction problems. The open number line allows student to be flexible and zoom in or out on whatever section of a number line they need for a given problem. This model allows students to focus on the decimal relationships without having to worry so much about the thousands, hundreds and tens.</p>

