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Colorful Collections A Mindful Exploration of Proper Fractions

Teacher Tips

Materials:

Copies for all students, plus extras. Each student will need a pencil, eraser, ruler, and straight edge,

They may also use: markers, protractor, crayons, or colored pencils.

After the art works have been created, you might slide them into a transparent sheet protector to keep them safe.

Make it easier for students:

Give them a list of multiples for each factor before they begin.

Demonstrate the process first.

Rather than going in numerical order, let your students begin with some of the easier patterns.

Have them practice on a small model first before trying a larger one. Remind them to use pencils at first.

Remind students to write a title immediately after they finish. The title is usually the name of the factor. It fits nicely in the center of the design, except when it doesn't!

Art Supplies:

Discuss how students could express some of the mathematical relationships in their art. Art could be made with:

tissue paper ~ recycled paper ~ watercolors ~ acrylic paint ~ markers ~ chalk stickers ~ stamps ~ rubbings ~ photos ~ technology ~ markers ~ glitter glue natural pigments (berries, beets, flowers) ~ or anything else <u>Please post art on our Facebook page!</u>

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Thinking about Number Patterns:

Answer Key

Describe the patterns.

There is a variation of this question on every page: What do you notice about the patterns? How are the patterns alike or different? How did you make the pattern? Is there any difference at all in the patterns made by five and twenty-five? If you were given a list of the digits in the unit's place of these two numbers how could you tell which was which?

Students' answers will vary, however there are certain ideas to look out for.

In all patterns: The number of sides of the inner most shape matches the number of digits in the unit's place used in multiples of that factor. Arrows show if the pattern was created in a clockwise or counterclockwise direction.

Zero, Ten, 100 and so on: The 'pattern' in the unit's place in multiples of these numbers is that all the multiples will have a zero in the unit's place.

One, Nine, Eleven, and so on: At first these patterns may seem identical. In fact, the only difference is in the order in which the digits appear. This order determines the direction in which the pattern is created.

Two, Eight, Twelve, and so on: Again, the only difference is the direction in which the pattern was created.

Three, Seven, and so on: Like the ones and nines, all ten digits appear in the unit's place in multiples of three and seven. The difference is the order in which the digits appear.

Four, Six, and so on: Numbers found in the unit's place of multiples of four and six cycle through the same five digits. over and over. These patterns can be used to practice drawing a star shape.

ART: When students are ready to make their art, help them plan their projects carefully. Choices include: big posters with many patterns, mini posters showing two related patterns, or a creative display showing a single pattern. Students may want to use the template as part of their work, while others might want to start from scratch. Decide in advance which art supplies will be available for the students. If their work will need to dry, make sure to clear some space in advance. Enjoy.

Other Questions:

Do you like exploring number patterns in math? Why or why not? Were you surprised by the pattern? How could you use a list of the multiples to help you figure out which pattern belongs to which number?

There will be a variety of responses to these questions. Inviting students to consider how and why questions encourages elaboration – adding detail to the topic under study: in this case multiplication facts. Elaboration helps students remember the multiplication facts.

Exploring number patterns can be interesting and engaging. Patterns make more sense and can sometimes show the logic behind numerical relationships. Patterns can help students recall number facts. Exploring number patterns is fun, like assembling a giant puzzle.

Having class discussions about these and other patterns found in numbers can get students thinking about big ideas in math. Class discussions can be used to clarify ideas and vocabulary, as well as to prepare students for writing in their math journals.

Additional Activities

Some students might want to explore:

which two digit numbers will produce similar patterns

if multiples of other numbers could have a different pattern in the unit's place

or questions of their own

Multiples of Zero and Ten

name:

Thinking about Number Patterns: The patterns in the unit's place of multiples of zero and ten were tricky to show. How did you think of a creative way to show them?

If you were given a list of the digits in the unit's place of these two numbers how could you tell which was which?

Multiples of Two and Eight

name:

How are these two patterns alike and different?

Multiples of Three and Seven

name:

Thinking about Number Patterns: Describe the patterns above.

Were you surprised when you made these patterns? Why or why not?

Do you like exploring number patterns in math? Why or why not?

Multiples of Five and Twenty-five

name:

Thinking about Number Patterns: Is there any difference at all in these patterns? Why or why not?

If you were given a list of the digits in the unit's place of these two numbers how could you tell which was which?

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Finding the Unit's Place name:					
10,000's Place	1,000's Place	100's Place	10's Place	Unit's Place	
	1	7	2	9	
	1,000×1= 1,000	100x7= 700	10x2= 20	1×9= 9	
one thousand, seven hundred and twenty-nine					
4	3	8	0	5	
10,000×4= 40,000	1,000×3= 3,000	100×8= 800	10×0= 0	1x5= 5	
forty-three thousand, eight hundred and five					
Thinking about the unit's place:					
Circle the digit in the unit's place in each number: 1,729 43,805					
Explain how the value given to digits changes, based on their place in the number.					

name:

First: Choose a factor to use in your design. Next: Think of or list the multiples of that factor. Then, starting with zero, draw lines between the digits in the units place in sequential order. Use an arrow to show the direction of the pattern if needed. Write the factor that goes with the pattern in the center of the circle.

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