Common Core: Connecting the Standards for Mathematical Practice to the Standards for Content – Number and Operations in Base Ten

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Session Description:

Students need opportunities to explore mathematical ideas with guidance that helps them use the structure and properties of our number system to build their number sense and computational facility. This session examines how to structure and facilitate those opportunities and connect standards of mathematical practice to standards for content.
Common Core Standards for Mathematical Content

• Understanding
• Procedures

"Students who lack understanding of a topic may rely on procedures too heavily. Without a flexible base from which to work, they may be less likely to . . . deviate from a known procedure to find a shortcut. In short, a lack of understanding effectively prevents a student from engaging in the mathematical practices."
Common Core Standards for Mathematical Practice

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3. Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.
4. Model with mathematics.
5. Use appropriate tools strategically.
6. Attend to precision.
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Your Individual Task

• Read the mathematical practice assigned to your section of the room.

• Make notes about what the words mean to you and what it looks like in the classrooms.

Be ready to share with a colleague in 5 minutes.
Your Group Task

• With 3 or 4 colleagues around you discuss your notes and classroom examples and come to a shared understanding of the practice.

You will have about 4 minutes for that task.
Common Core State Standards

Number and Operations Thread
Common Core State Standards

As you read these standards for whole number operations, what stands out?

“using strategies based on place value, properties of operations, and/or the relationships between operations”
Number Sense

• understands relationships, properties, and procedures

• is able to explain and justify one’s actions on numbers

• is able to use strategies appropriately and efficiently
Number Talks
What is a Number Talk?

A 5 to 15 minute classroom conversation around purposefully crafted computation problems that are solved mentally.
Number Talks: Helping Children Build Mental Math and Computation Strategies
by Sherry Parrish
A Multiplication String

• 2 × 15 × 6

• 5 × 12 × 3

• 4 × 5 × 3 × 3

• 12 × 15
• What evidence do you see of students’ use of strategies based on place value, properties of operations, and/or the relationships between operations?
• Which mathematical practices did students exhibit?
• What did the teacher do to support students’ development of the mathematical practices?
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12 x 15

• What evidence indicates student understanding of place value?
• How do the student strategies exhibit number sense?
• How do the teacher and students connect math ideas throughout the number talk?
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About these fifth graders . . .

- Shades Crest Elementary, Hoover Alabama
- 21 students
- 25% have transferred into the school within the last year
- Filming was done in early October of 2009
- In recent years the school population has become more diverse.
- School-wide implementation of Number Talks
Four Strikes and You’re Out

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Strikes ____________
Classroom Discussions: Seeing Math Discourse in Action
Anderson, Chapin, O’Connor
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• What mathematical practices does this task support?
Thinking about your work ......

• What experiences do teachers need to begin to deeply understand the mathematical practices and their role in guiding students’ development?
• What foundation have you already built?
• What’s next?
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