

# NCTM 2015 MIDDLE SCHOOL NUMBER TALKS

Welcome Middle School Educators!



## What is a Number Talk?

*Number Talks* are a valuable classroom *routine* for:

- making sense of mathematics
- developing efficient computation strategies
- communicating reasoning
- and proving solutions

#### Common Core Standards for Mathematical Content

#### The Number System, 6-8: Overview

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In Grades 6–8, students build on two important conceptions which have developed throughout K–5, in order to understand the rational numbers as a number system.

The first is the representation of whole numbers and fractions as points on the number line,

and the second is a firm understanding of the properties of operations on whole numbers and fractions.

— Progressions for the Common Core State Standards in Mathematics, Number Sense, 6-8, www.commoncoretools.wordpress.com

#### Why "Middle School" Number Talks?

#### Examining Common Errors:

- 1.  $\frac{3}{4} \frac{1}{2}$
- **2.** 5.40 × 0.15

- 3. -3 + -6
- 4. (x + 2)(x + 3)
- 5. A 150 mile trip took 5 hours. How far can I travel in 9 hours?

#### **Session Goals**

#### In this session we will:

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- Use models and tools that support student understandings and proficiencies called for in the Common Core State Standards
- Recognize and support students' understandings of the mathematical properties
- Share strategies in ways that emphasize the important mathematical ideas that are inherent in the strategies

#### Four Procedures and Expectations

- 1. Establish Number Talks as part of your math class routine.
- 2. Provide appropriate wait time for most students to access the problem.
- 3. Accept, respect, and consider all answers.
- 4. Encourage student communication.

## Number Talks as a Vehicle for Computation Strategies

• Efficiency

- the ability to choose an appropriate, expedient strategy
- Flexibility
  - the ability to use number relationships with ease in computation
- Accuracy
  - the ability to produce an accurate answer

#### **Key Components of Number Talks**

- Classroom environment and community
- Classroom discussions
- The teacher's role

- The role of mental math
- Purposeful computation problems



#### Number Talk: Compute the Answer Mentally

#### 16 × 35 =

#### Number Talk Student Responses 16 × 35 Sarah Grace

16 ×35 = 20 ×35 = 700 35 × 4 = 140 700-140= 560 (friendly number)

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16 ×35 = 8 ×70 = 560 (doubling/halving)

#### SCHOLASTIC Math Solutions **Number Talk Student Responses** 16 × 35 Jarvis 16 × 35 = 8 × 2 7 × 5 $4 \times 2 \times 2 \times 7 \times 5$ $2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 7 \times 5 =$ 560

(prime factorization)

SCHOLASTIC Math Solutions Number Talk Student Responses 16 × 35 Omar  $16 \times 35 =$  $10 \times 30 = 300$  $6 \times 5 = 30$  $30 \times 6 = 180$  $5 \times 10 = 50$ 300 + 180 + 30 + 50 =480 + 80 = 560(partial products)

#### 16 × 35 Area Model

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#### Using Partial Products Model to Solve (x + 2)(x + 3)



#### SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT PARTNERS' Math Solutions Number Talk:

# Compute the answer mentally

1. (x + 3)(x + 5)

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#### **Strategies for Fraction Addition**

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3/4 + 3/4 From *Beyond Invert and Multiply* by Julie McNamara "Coming Soon" = 1/2 + 1/4 + 1/2 + 1/4Decomposition of Fractions = 1/2 + 1/2 + 1/4 + 1/4Commutative Property 1 + 2/4 = 11/2Associative Property Recomposition

#### **Model for Fraction Addition**





0 1 11/2

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1. 
$$7/8 + 1/2 =$$

#### 2. 27/8 + 33/4 =

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# What is the distance between the two numbers?

# Strategies for Adding and Subtracting Integers

Students understand 5 - 3 as the missing addend in

3 + ? = 5...

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- Integer chips (whether chips are used or not, Standards require that students eventually understand location and addition of rational numbers on the number line)...
- On the number lines, [3 + ? = 5] is represented as the distance from 3 to 5 or direction on the number line by saying how you get from 3 from 5; by going two units to the right."

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## Strategies for Adding and Subtracting Integers (-5) - (-3) = How to write as a missing addend?

(-3) + ? = (-5)

-Using a number line,

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-How do you get from -3 to -5?

-Since -5 is two units to the left of -3 on the number line, the missing addend is -2.



http://commoncoretools.me/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/ccssm\_progression\_NS+Number\_2013-07-09.pdf, page10

#### **Integer Number Talks**

2. 
$$5 - (-2)$$

#### **Strategies for Multiplying and Dividing Integers**

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#### Strategies for Multiplying and Dividing Integers

Relationship of multiplication and division.

$$(-2) \times 4 = ?$$
 is the same as  $? \div 4 = (-2)$ .

What about -2 x -3?

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- This is saying I have -3 sets of -2, or -(-2)-(-2), which is 6.
- Or we could use the relationship between multiplication and division ? ÷ (-3) = (-2)

#### Integer Multiplication/Division Number Talk

1. 4 x -2

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2. (-16) ÷ (-2)

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## **Proportional Reasoning**

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 The ratio of boys to girls in a school newspaper club is 1 to 3. There are 5 boys in the newspaper club.

• How many girls are there? Solve this problem in two different ways.



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Shows the additive and multiplicative structure.

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#### **Number Relationships**

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"When we ask students questions about relationships, properties, and procedures associated with number concepts, we help our students make important mathematical connections between numbers and their representations."

> From *Good Questions for Math Teaching* by Lainie Schuster and Nancy Canavan Anderson, page 17



#### **Final Reflection**

# What impact might *Middle School Number Talks* have in your math classroom?



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