## Third Grade Mathematics Newsletter

Marking Period 2, Part 2

| MT | Learning Goals by Measurement Topic (MT) |
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| Students will be able to ... |  |


| Thinking and Academic Success Skills (TASS) |  |  |
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|  | It is ... | In mathematics, students will . |
|  | weighing evidence, examining claims, and questioning facts to make judgments based upon criteria. | - justify the reasonableness of an answer to a word problem. <br> - decide which representations (pictures, equations, arrays, number lines, etc.) work best to solve multiplication and division word problems. <br> - judge which strategies are most efficient in solving area problems. |
|  | knowing and being aware of one's own thinking and having the ability to monitor and evaluate one's own thinking. | - identify multiplication and division facts that still need to be learned to help make a plan to reach the goal of knowing the basic multiplication facts. <br> - think about how multiplication and division helps them decide how to partition shapes into parts with equal areas. |

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## Learning Experiences by Measurement Topic (MT)

| MT | 0 In school, your child will ... | At home, your child can . . |
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|  | - use patterns to explain the location of products on the multiplication table. <br> Example: "Why is the product 21 in both the 3 's row and the 7's row?" <br> - collaboratively work on various strategies to learn multiplication and division facts within 100. <br> - justify the equation chosen to solve a multiplication or division word problem. | - use flashcards, playing cards, dice, etc. to solve basic multiplication facts of $2,5,10,0,1,4,8,9,3,6$, and 7 by memory. <br> Website to support learning: http://www.aplusmath.com/Games/index.html <br> - identify situations at home where multiplication or division are used and write an equation. <br> Example: How many outfits can be created with 2 shirts and 4 shorts? $2 \times 4=n$ |
|  | - determine the area of straight-sided polygons with square corners by using partitioning. <br> Example: Partition the figure into two different rectangles. Find the area of each rectangle and add them together. | - map out of a room in your house on graph paper and explain how to partition the shape to find the area. |
|  | - identify unit fractions as equal parts of a whole. <br> Example: "If a pizza is cut into 4 equal pieces and I have one piece, I have $1 / 4$ of the pizza." | - identify a unit fraction within a whole object. <br> Example: Look at a whole graham cracker. What is the unit fraction if it is broken into 4 equal pieces? |

[^0]operation: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
partition: divide the whole into equal parts
unit fractions: a fraction with a numerator of one ( $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}$, etc.)


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