1, 2.MD Favorite Ice Cream Flavor

Task

Materials

- Pocket chart
- Sentence strip
- Square pieces of paper for each student
- Popsicle sticks

Setup

Write a question that has three choices as an answer on a sentence strip. For example,

"Which flavor of ice cream do you like best?"

Put the three categories on the bottom of the pocket chart. For example,

Chocolate Vanilla Strawberry

Write interpretation questions on the popsicle sticks. For example,

- "How many students answered this question?"
- "Which has the most?"
- "Which has the fewest?"
- "Are any the same?"
- "How many are in each category?"
Actions

Begin with all students sitting together in the meeting area. Read the question aloud to the students, and ask individual students to answer the question by putting a paper square above their answer. Ensure that as each child answers, they put their paper above the previous square, not to the side of the square. When each child has answered, you will have a bar graph with three categories.

Draw a popsicle stick and model answering the question to the whole group. Divide students into five groups and have each group pick a popsicle stick. Students then read the question on the popsicle stick, discuss the question as a group, and then answer it in front of the class using the graph as a model to defend their answer.