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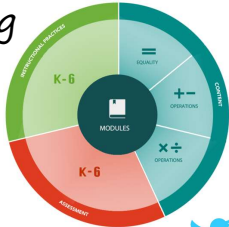
# Additive Thinking

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# Introduction

- What is it?
- Why is it important?
- What are the Big Ideas?

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# What is Additive Thinking?

Additive Thinking



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Additive Thinking


Introduction

What is Additive Thinking?

Students are able to manipulate numbers by joining, separating, and comparing while engaging in flexible mathematical reasoning. It is

- a capacity to work flexibly with the concepts, strategies and representations of addition and subtraction as they occur in a wide range of contexts. (mathematical reasoning)
- going beyond memorization of basic arithmetic skills
- the means to communicate additive understanding effectively in a variety of ways (for example, words, diagrams, symbolic expressions, and written algorithms).

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Why is it important?

Research says

- Both mathematical reasoning and arithmetic skills are predictors of mathematical achievement, however, students ability to reason mathematically was the stronger predictor of success.

Nunes, Bryant, Barros, & Sylva, 2011

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Additive Thinking

Introduction

What are the Big Ideas?

Once students trust “the count”, they can flexibly manipulative numbers in order to make solving problems easier by

- Using Parts and Wholes
- Decomposing / Recomposing
- Partitioning
- Compensating
- Using Constant Difference

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Additive Thinking

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What are the Big Ideas?

Students use mathematical reasoning to build connections between inverse problems.

- Addition is not just adding. It's subtraction as well.

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Additive Thinking

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What are the Big Ideas?

Additive Thinking deals with questions where the start, change or result is unknown. It is joining, separating and comparing.

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Additive Thinking

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Activity: Relating to POS

What Strategies Do Students Need?

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Activity: Suggested Strategies

Introduction

Additive Thinking

Standard / Traditional Algorithm

Doubles / Near Doubles

Facts of 10

Making Ten

Reordering

Partitioning by place value

Compensating

Think Addition for Subtraction

Keeping a Constant Difference

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Just a Reminder


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Additive Thinking

Strategies Must Be


Efficient

Does this take a lot of time or a reasonable amount of time?




Effective

Does this take the right amount of time?



Explainable

Can this be explained to another person?



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Using Manipulatives

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Concrete

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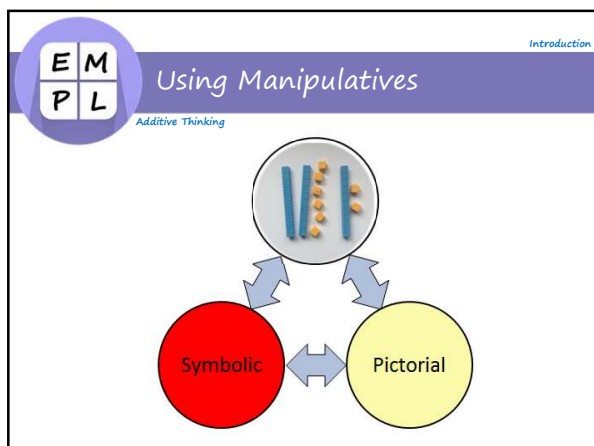
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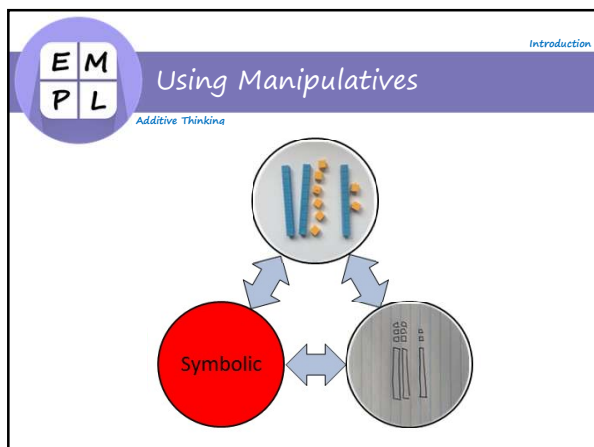
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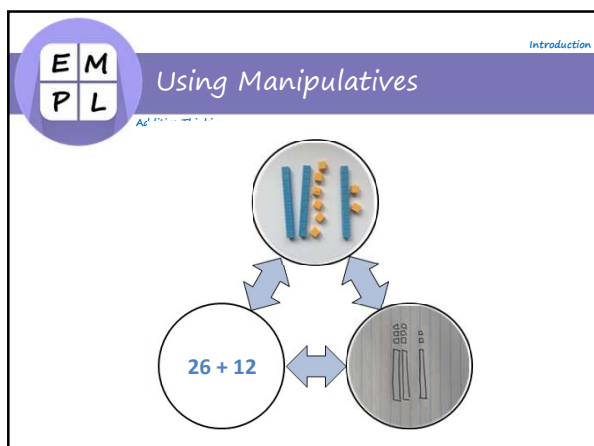
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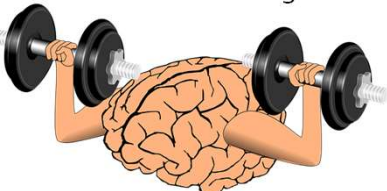
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Using Manipulatives

Introduction

Additive Thinking

Math learning and performance are optimized when the two sides of the brain are communicating – “brain crossing”



~Park & Brannon, 2013

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Big Idea 1

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Flexible Thinking

Big Idea 1

Additive Thinking

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Additive Thinking

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A Simple Test...

How many are there?

How do you know?

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Additive Thinking

Big Idea 1

A Simple Test...

Did I add any dots?

Did I remove any dots?

How many dots are there now?

How do you know?

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Additive Thinking

Big Idea 1

What do you do...

If they don't trust the count?

- Subitize familiar arrangements of objects or dots
- Demonstrate an understanding of counting

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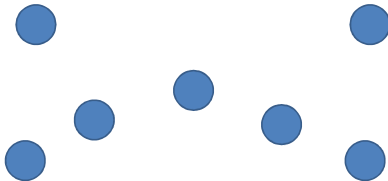
What do you do...

Big Idea 1

Additive Thinking

Did I add any dots?

Did I remove any dots?



How many dots are there now?

Can you make a guess without counting?

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How might a student solve this question?

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Additive Thinking

On Monday, 8 hotdogs were ordered for Friday's fundraiser. On Tuesday, 7 hotdogs were ordered for Friday's fundraiser. How many hotdogs were ordered on Monday and Tuesday? Using pictures, words, numbers and/or symbols, show how you figured it out.



This is a

Counting Strategy

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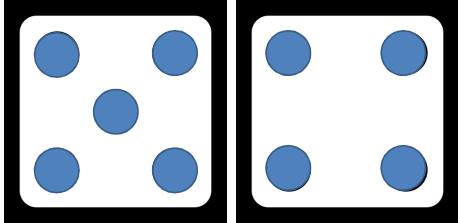
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How might a student solve this question?

Big Idea 1

Additive Thinking



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How might a student solve this question?

*Additive Thinking*

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Counting On Strategy

How do we help students move past just counting?

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How might a student solve this question?

*Additive Thinking*

Big Idea 1

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How might a student solve this question?

*Additive Thinking*

Big Idea 1

Grade 1

The Case of the Hotdogs!

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Counting On Strategy

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Big Idea 1

How might a student solve this question?

Additive Thinking

They might use their fingers!

Penner-Wilger et al. (2007) and Penner-Wilger et al. (2013) found that finger [perception] was related to children's number system knowledge and calculation skill concurrently in Grade 1. Moreover, Penner-Wilger et al. (2009) found that finger [perception] in Grade 1 predicted performance on tasks designed to assess number representations – number comparison and estimation – in Grade 2.

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Big Idea 1

Developing finger perception

Additive Thinking

- Hold out one hand.
- Close your eyes.
- Partner touches one of your fingertips.
- Can you name the finger?

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Big Idea 1

Developing finger perception

Additive Thinking

Activities for Finger Training

These activities go with the paper:

SEDEC, A. (2013). UNDERSTANDING: The Importance of Visual Mathematics for our Brain and Learning.

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<https://www.youcubed.org/finger-activities/>

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Activity: Intro

Big Idea 1

Additive Thinking

The Case of the Hotdogs!

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A:  $18 + 7$

B:  $18 + 37$

C:  $218 + 497$

D:

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Activity: Intro

Big Idea 1

Additive Thinking

The Case of the Hotdogs!

On Monday, 18 hotdogs were ordered for Friday's fundraiser. On Tuesday, 37 hotdogs were ordered for Friday's fundraiser. How many hotdogs were ordered on Monday and Tuesday? Using pictures, words, numbers and/or symbols, show how you figured it out.

Use this space to solve it your way.

Strategy 1:

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How many dots?

Big Idea 1

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How many dots?

Big Idea 1

Additive Thinking

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Intro: Making Ten

Big Idea 1

Additive Thinking

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9 + 4

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Intro: Making Ten

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Intro: Making Ten

Big Idea 1

Additive Thinking

$9 + 4$

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Intro: Making Ten

Big Idea 1

Additive Thinking

$9 + 4 = 10 + 3$

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Intro: Try This

Big Idea 1

Additive Thinking

$8 + 7$

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Big Idea 1  
 Intro: Try This

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Big Idea 1  
 Extending: Making Ten

Additive Thinking

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Big Idea 1  
 Practicing: Making Ten

Additive Thinking

Dragon Bump - Adding 9

	11		15		14		13
	14		10		15		12
	13		12		10		11

**Instructions:**

Take turns with a partner. Roll the die. Add 9 to the number you roll. Put a cube on the number. If another player's cube is on that number, "bump" it off. If your cube is on that number, stack a second cube on top to "freeze" that spot. The player to use all of their cubes first wins!

**Materials:**

- One 6 sided die
- 10 cubes of one color
- 10 cubes of another color

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Practicing: Making Ten

Additive Thinking

Big Idea 1

2 digit Addition Bump

Featuring on 10-10

42	53	64	75
54	63	72	81
67	76	85	94

Instructions:

Take turns with a partner. Choose a card and add to find the sum. Put a cube on the sum. If another player's cube is on that number, "bump" it off. If your cube is on that number, stack a second cube on top to "freeze" that spot. The player to use all of their cubes first wins! If you run out of cards, shuffle.

Materials:

Addition Cards  
Ten cubes of one color  
Ten cubes of another color

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Consolidating Your Learning

Additive Thinking

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Use this space to solve it your way.

Strategy 1:

Compensating

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Intro: Partition by Place Value

Additive Thinking

Big Idea 1

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Big Idea 1

Intro: Partition by Place Value

Additive Thinking

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Big Idea 1

Intro: Partition by Place Value

Additive Thinking

23 + 41

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Big Idea 1

Intro: Partition by Place Value

Additive Thinking

23 + 41

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Big Idea 1

Intro: Partition by Place Value

Additive Thinking

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Big Idea 1

Intro: Partition by Place Value

Additive Thinking

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Big Idea 1

Intro: Partition by Place Value

Additive Thinking

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Big Idea 1  
*Intro: Partition by Place Value*

Additive Thinking  
 $23 + 41$

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Big Idea 1  
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Additive Thinking  
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Intro: Partition by Place Value

Additive Thinking

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Intro: Partition by Place Value

Additive Thinking

Try with

$$29 + 43$$

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Consolidating Your Learning

Additive Thinking

Strategy 2:

Partitioning by Place Value

Strategy 3:

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Big Idea 1

Intro: Open Number Lines

Additive Thinking

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Big Idea 1

Intro: Open Number Lines

Additive Thinking

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Intro: Try This

Additive Thinking

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**Consolidating Your Learning**


Additive Thinking

Big Idea 1

Strategy 2:

Strategy 3:

Open Number Line



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**Quick Assessment**

Additive Thinking

Big Idea 1

Quick Assessment		
Counting Strategy	Addition Strategy	Multiplication Strategy
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<input type="checkbox"/> Other Strategies Used		
<p><b>Answer</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Obvious  <input type="checkbox"/> Inferred a title  <input type="checkbox"/> Inferred a list                             </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Is correct  <input type="checkbox"/> Has a minor mistake  <input type="checkbox"/> Has a misunderstanding                             </div> </div> <p>Follow up Questions to Ask the Student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Explain what you did.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Why did you choose this strategy?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Will this always work?</li> </ul> <p>The Relationships and Connections this student made:</p> <p>Follow up Steps for Student</p>		

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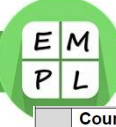
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**Quick Assessment**

Additive Thinking

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Quick Assessment

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Answer	Communication	Mathematics
	<input type="checkbox"/> Obvious	<input type="checkbox"/> Is correct
	<input type="checkbox"/> Inferred a little	<input type="checkbox"/> Has a minor mistake
	<input type="checkbox"/> Inferred a lot	<input type="checkbox"/> Has a misunderstanding

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Notes/Next Steps

Follow up Questions to Ask the Student

☐ Explain what you did.  
☐ Why did you choose this strategy?  
☐ Will this always work?  
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The Relationships and Connections this student made:

Follow up Steps for Student

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Quick Assessment

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This Quick Assessment Tool

Formative Assessment

This tool is not meant to be used as a summative assessment tool. Instead, it is merely one tool in your formative assessment toolbox that could be used to record students' thinking on a single assessment item. This will provide a snapshot in time.

"I can use a strategy" compared to "I understand a strategy"

Using a strategy accurately does not reflect students' understanding of the strategy. When interviewing students, using probing questions to determine if they are merely following a procedure or if they truly understand the strategy.

The answer

A correct answer does not necessarily indicate understanding. Students may be able to follow procedures without understanding the strategy or the final answer. Focus more on mathematical understanding.

An incorrect answer does not necessarily indicate misunderstanding of mathematical concepts. Don't judge students' work based on minor mathematical mistakes. Focus more on mathematical understanding.

Follow-up Questions

Use follow-up questions to probe students' more deeply about their thinking. We often infer when interpreting students' work. Instead, ask them to explain what they've done and why they've chosen to use a particular strategy.

"The mathematics instruction we provide children should emphasize meaning, relationships, and connections, and we should be mindful of what our students understand, not merely what they can do."

~Marilyn Burns~

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