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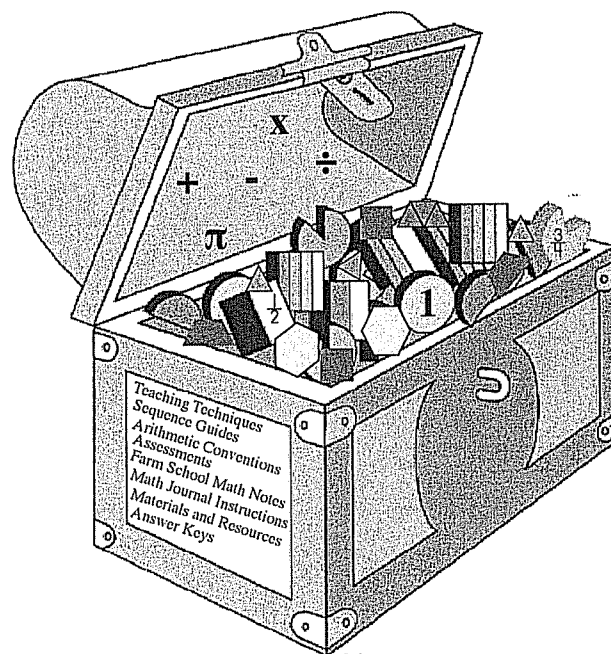
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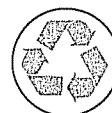
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## Foreword

To the reader,  
I am delighted to write a foreword to this lovely book on mathematics. The work described here reflects a more general Farm School approach, but thinking about how people come to like and be good at mathematics played an important part in developing that approach.

Years ago I was a young professor at UC Irvine, and although I had long been fascinated by the act of learning, this was my first teaching job. Among other things I taught mathematics. The experience was immensely rewarding but unsettling. I thought of math as beautiful, richly ordered, and fun. Most of my students in those required courses appeared to think of it, at least at first, as arbitrary, impenetrable, incoherent, and dull; some of them found it scary.

A few students did not, cheerfully pushing and pulling at a formula, for instance, and asking: What would happen if this part of the denominator were in the numerator? What would happen if I reversed this and that part? What would happen if I made this piece very large or very small? What would be a simpler form or a more general form of the expression? They engaged in this systematic play for the fun of it, but their reinventing or recasting of the material of mathematics also helped them see why something was the way it was; it helped them understand. In fact, the students I started listening to each seemed to carry with them a kind of "understanding kit." They had an expectation that math would make sense; they knew when a particular expression or idea did not yet make sense to them, and when it did; and they had developed skills and stamina for getting from the first state to the second, and the habit of doing so. The math they came to know in this way, they owned.

These happy few were regarded by the others

(and by most of my colleagues) as having a peculiar knack. There was no shame in not having it; that was just the luck of the genetic draw. Or did the attitude of the rest of the class toward math have to do with the way they had been educated? Their reports of their pre-college math study matched what I found when I started visiting schools, especially elementary schools, and reading texts of that era: My students had been spending most of their time memorizing calculation recipes and learning to run them more or, often, less well.

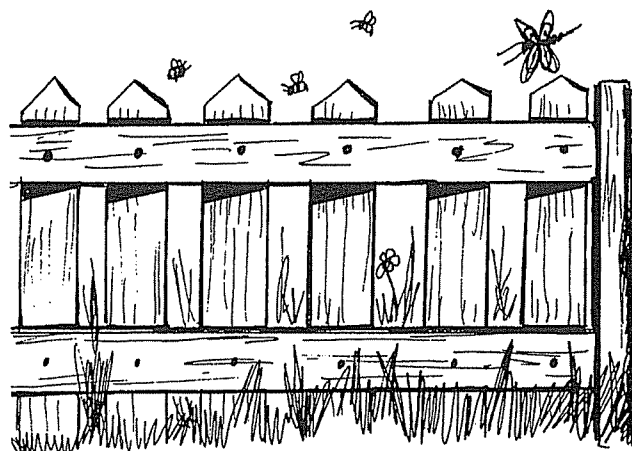
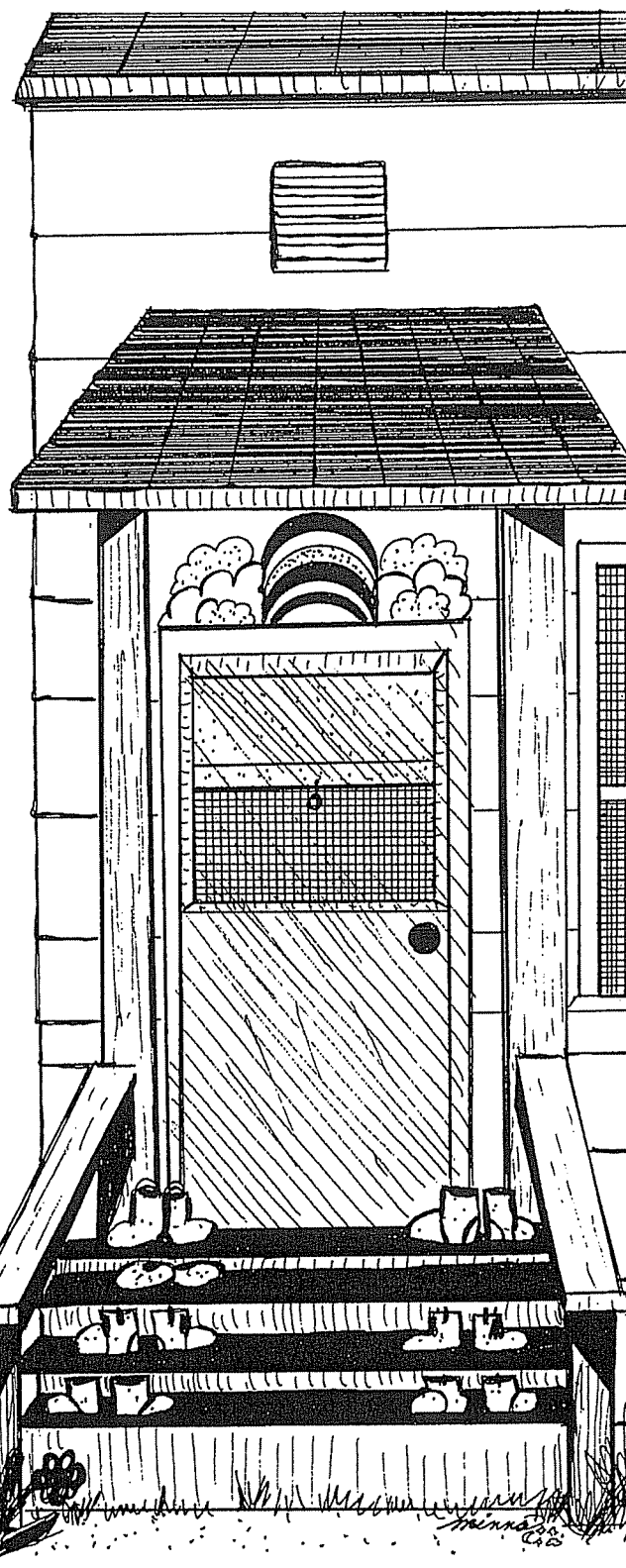
But that wasn't at all what the kind of people who had discovered the math did. Mathematicians look for and find patterns in formal objects, extend them, seek counter examples, figure out why the patterns work, and then, finally, publish an account of one way that they work. The last is the public part, but the rest is what they do. Almost none of my undergraduate students seemed to have had much experience with that. There was an odd disjunction between what practitioners did and what schools asked students to do, a disjunction that was deeper and odder the more you looked at it. It was as though we had plucked the fruit "mathematics" for use in schools, peeled it, and fed students the rind instead of the flesh.

Much the same thing seemed to be true in other areas. What working historians did, for example, or scientists was rarely much like what schoolchildren did, so it wasn't surprising that undergraduates found it hard to think that way when asked. Again, it was as though teachers had discovered what it was that delighted practitioners, that drew them to their discipline—and in fact kept it a discipline, a thing that people were willing to spend their lives in, over generations—and having found these sources of delight in practice, schools threw them away and taught the residue.

So we and the times and UCI being young, and there being some farmhouses available on the edge of the campus, some of us made a school where children would learn to do what finders and makers do, not just master more or less badly and mechanically some scattered things they had worked out. The students would ideally acquire some of the skills and habits of mind of mathematicians and historians and writers and scientists and artists, and even learn to do what good thinkers do when they are thinking well, independent of a particular practice; and they would learn to find matters of interest in and around themselves, and to develop and sustain those interests, as creators of new art and knowledge must do. These were not the only aims of the school, called the Farm School, but they were central. In this sense we were elitist in our ambitions for children, but populist in our belief that most children could realize those ambitions.

We are all older now, but thanks to the dedicated work of people like Suki Glenn, Susan Carpenter, and Alysia Krafel over the years, the Farm School's approach has endured and evolved. If you also want your children to learn to do mathematics, this book will prove a subtle, wise, pleasure-giving and compassionate guide.

Professor Emeritus Michael Butler  
Former Director, UCI Farm Elementary School



## Introduction

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*Patterns in Arithmetic* is the math program developed at the UCI Farm Elementary School for elementary aged students and now also published with adult learners in mind. At the heart of mathematics is the idea of patterns. Mathematicians are people who find and use patterns in numbers, shapes, and relationships, exploring through these patterns the workings of the world and universe. Mathematicians also explore patterns simply for their beauty and for the great pleasure discovering patterns can give.

This mathematics program aims to teach students and their teachers to think like mathematicians, not just memorize some of the things that mathematicians have found out. Students "do" mathematics from the beginning, so there is an emphasis on inquiry and discovery, on invention, and on learning what genuine understanding feels like and how to achieve it.

Students create their own methods for solving arithmetic problems. They use concrete materials to build and prove their answer. Then they are asked to solve it a different way and to verify that

answer. The goal is understanding: knowing what it feels like when one understands (which often is accomplished through "Aha" flashes of insight); knowing what it feels like when one does not understand and what to do then; learning perseverance and how to push through feelings of uncertainty and frustration.

Learners create, routinely look for, and discover patterns in numbers, shapes, the sky, the world. They invent problems for themselves and others, estimate, predict, and look for answers that make sense; they develop heuristics (practices that help them solve problems, e.g., draw a picture), and look for relationships (the more the more).

Ideally they develop the meta-skills of a good mathematician: *the 'understanding' loop*: They know when they understand and when they don't, and they keep at it until they do; *the 'conjecture and test' loop*: They sense when something can be generalized and press to the limit of their ability to do so.

The Parent/Teacher Guide scripts the lesson to create this learning interaction. Ultimately, the learner will ask herself these thinking questions.

The following process is used throughout the *Patterns in Arithmetic* series to develop understanding of a concept:

1. Introduce the concept with a manipulative. Orally discuss it. Build it. Verify it. Practice it. Repeat the experience with a different manipulative (oral manipulative).
2. Use manipulatives to explore the concept again. This time record it with pictures (pictorial representation). Practice it. Use worksheets.
3. Record the problem with numbers (abstract, symbolic), which links the concrete to the pictorial to the abstract.
4. Practice to fluency.
5. Practice for speed.

## About Free Exploration, or How Not to Be a Nag

by Alysia Krafel

I recall an incident years ago when my six-year-old nephew was learning to set the table. Dinner was almost ready and there he was popping his fists down onto fork tines to flip them into the air. The stage was set for an unpleasant confrontation. I see now that the problem is one of time frames. We needed him to get the job done; he needed to explore. When we press a child to use a tool seriously and with skill before we have provided fiddle time, we set him up to be seen as a behavior problem and ourselves to be seen as nags. If a child can do his necessary playing and exploring with materials when he is not under pressure or expectations, before he needs to use them as we wish him to use them, not only will he learn the new skill faster and with more understanding, he will learn it with more delight (or at least with less complaining). The first association will be of joy and competence rather than frustration and forced anxiety.

Learning to use math manipulatives is like learning to use other tools. An adult will look at a screwdriver and use it to drive screws. A child will roll it on the floor, listening intently as the grooves in the plastic handle thump. She will roll it over her tongue, poke it into cracks, bang it on the table, spin it, or balance it on her finger. When finally satisfied with the investigation, she will watch you screw in the screws and then try it herself. And so it is with all of our doodads.

Play, unhindered exploration, is very important to children. At the Farm School, we came to realize that this self-directed learning style was not an impediment but a boon to our aims. We found that children who had enough time to fiddle with the plexiglass tiles came to their first fractions lessons knowing that the smaller the pieces there were, the more of them they had; that you could cover the black ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) tile<sup>1</sup> with the yellow ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) tile or orange ( $\frac{1}{6}$ ) pieces, but you couldn't with the clear ones ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ). When they began to Free Exploration

work with the formal fractions lessons, they brought into action all that their senses already knew about these tiles. As soon as the labels "halves" and "fourths" were attached to the colored tiles, they knew that  $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{4}$ . They found the patterns very quickly and mastered the materials faster than the previous children who had not been allowed fiddle time.

The problem the teachers at the Farm School had encountered was that we wanted to teach  $x$  amount of material in a certain time frame. When the children needed three weeks of fiddle time with the fraction tiles, we experienced that as a delay, a delay that made us nervous. We just had to teach and have the children master fractions by the end of the school term. The solution was to introduce the materials long, long before (in many cases years before) we intended to use them as teaching tools. After ample free exploration time, not only did the children not resist the use of the materials in the specific way that the formal lessons demanded, they eagerly attended to the new way to interact with the now familiar materials. The new work was for them a continuation of the old play. The experience did not feel all that different to them. Since the struggle between teacher and child had been eased, the adversarial relationship became a co-worker relationship. The instruction then proceeded easily. The children and the teachers learned together to truly understand the world of numbers and enjoyed doing it.

My life suddenly changed when I had a baby. When giving her a bath one day, I had the idea to give her as a toy one thing she would later use as a tool, a cup. In the tub, she could pour, drink (or sputter), spill, bang, and splash to her heart's content without undoing whatever housework managed to get done. She would talk into the cup and put it on her head. Doing these things at the table with a cup filled with milk would have caused an uproar just as fiddling with colored tiles during a fractions lesson did. She had had the cup as a toy many months before we ever put milk into it for

<sup>1</sup> As used in *Fraction Tiles* by Lee Jenkins and Peggy McLean

her to drink at the table. Interestingly enough, when given milk in the cup at the table, she reacted in the same way as the children in the fractions lesson did. Since pouring liquid from the cup was old hat and drinking milk from it like Mommy and Daddy was new, she tried very hard to do it right because that's what she was ready to do, that was the new fun. She wouldn't pour milk out at the table and say "oh no" when she spilled it. Later, when she showed an interest, spoons and bowls were added to the toy shelf and to the bath set. While in the tub recently, she filled her bowl with water, bent down, and began to blow bubbles into it. She dumped out the water and put the bowl on her head and said, "Hat." I thought to myself, "I'm glad that was warm water on her naked body instead of hot tomato soup on her white sweater!"



An unintended side effect of all of this was that she became competent with a cup at fourteen months and with a spoon and bowl by sixteen.

Having done all of that, I was surprised recently to find myself remaking that same mistake of not allowing exploration as a parent as I had as a beginning teacher. When my daughter put eggs and Cheerios in her cup of milk, I said, "No put food in cup! No put eggs in milk!" I was expecting her to be like me, to use tools as tools, food as food, instead of tools and food as toys. Resisting my constant scolding, she persisted in this behavior. Obviously, she needed to explore how things, like scrambled eggs and Cherrios, would interact with milk in her cup. My choice

was either to press her to "act properly at the table," triggering tears and tantrums, or to allow her to explore with the knowledge (or at least great hope) that when she was satisfied, she would stop. This is always a difficult decision for me to make. One doesn't want to be so permissive as to develop a totally undisciplined child. On the other hand, one doesn't want to be a repressive nag either. Since food couldn't be a toy anywhere else but at the table, I gave in on unconventional mixing, squashing food through fingers, and food painting but drew the line on throwing. So with a certain amount of plaintive sighing, I watched her put my lovingly prepared, warm eggs into her milk, got out the dish towels, and added them to her toy box. To my delight, she ate the cold, milky eggs out of her cup with the spoon without as much mess as one would expect! My husband realized that the current fascination was food and liquid together. Now we put the liquid in the bowl with the food to begin with, and everyone is happy. She certainly is not like me.

I wonder how many things children must learn, like setting the table, feeding the cats, making the beds and so on, would move more easily if we parents allowed the child to play with the new materials long before we or society demanded that they use them properly and with skill.

## Farm School Math Notes by Michael Butler

A. Some things students and teacher should be doing routinely:

1. *Inventing problems*: For practice and self-teaching. For other people, including the teacher. As puzzles; to give and get pleasure. To show understanding of a principle. To link math to the world. To stretch creative power. To develop mathematical taste.
2. *Finding patterns*: In numbers, shapes, etc. Find the rule; 'black box.' Math or formal patterns in worldly stuff--motion, people, plants, cars, stars. 'Getting' a puzzle.
3. *Giving plausible answers and why*: Estimation/prediction/plausible guessing. Error bounds. Recognizing that some estimates are better than others. Iteration to improve estimates. Quickly inventing problems whose answers are 'about' such-and-such--e.g., between  $m$  and  $n$ . Believing that answers ought to make sense.
4. *Learning about and using heuristics*: Make a picture. Bookkeeping and, in general, 'cases.' Reduction to absurdity. If then. Plausible reasoning. Find a solution for simpler numbers, for a simpler case. Get *some* result; change it. What's a problem like this? What have I got so far?
5. *Learning about and using kinds of relations*: The more the more, the more the much more, etc. Plots; worldly cases. 'Variable' thinking. 'Control' -- 'other things being equal.' Refining explanations ['true for boys but not girls'] in terms of variables.
6. *Exploring the big ideas*: Scale. Symmetry. Congruence. Ratio. Equivalence. Measurement. Teacher alertness to these in anything.

B. Meta-skills for good mathematicians and students of mathematics:

--the '*understanding*' loop: They know when they understand and when they don't, and they keep at it until they do.

--the '*conjecture and test*' loop: They sense when something can be generalized and press to the limit of their ability to do so.

That children can do these things is one big test of the teacher's success.

C. The other is:

Children *like* working with numbers, 'thinking stuff' --as shown by their spontaneously choosing to do math and thinking stuff, visibly enjoying it, being absorbed in it, and not saying, "I don't want to, this is icky," etc.

They can do it.

They do do it.



## Farm School Math Notes: Routine Questions, Challenges, and Responses

1. *Inventing problems:* Make your own.  
Invent a problem like this for me, for your friend, and for a younger child.  
Find a story in your life that is like this problem.
  2. *Finding patterns:* What patterns do you see?  
What will happen next?  
What do you notice about \_\_\_\_\_? (plants, days, people, cars, playing, the sky)  
What is the same?  
What is different?
  3. *Estimating:* Guess the answer.  
What do you predict will happen?  
The answer will be about how big?  
What is an impossible answer to this?  
In what ball park will the answer be?
  4. *Heuristics:* How can you show that?  
(Methods of discovering answers.) Draw a picture of it.  
How did you get that answer?  
What part of it can you do?  
What problems like this are easier (or harder)?  
Solve it another way.  
Build it.  
What gave you the clue?
  5. *Relationships:* Is there a relationship here? For example: The more the words, the more the time it takes to read the writing.  
The smaller the number, the fewer the combinations.  
Is the relationship true for everything?  
What part of this is in this?
  6. *Big Ideas:* How can we measure it? Is that design symmetrical?  
Can this pattern be repeated bigger?
- the 'understanding' loop:* Build that answer.  
Prove that answer.  
How do you know it is right?  
What gives you the clue?  
Challenge both correct and incorrect answers.  
Create more problems using your methods.
- the 'conjecture and test' loop:* What other problems work like this?  
When won't it work?

## Teaching Techniques

Expect math to make sense. Look for sources of enjoyment.

Treat yourself and student as mathematicians. Mathematicians make up problems for themselves and others. Students who do this increase their control over the learning process, reinforce and show understanding, and strengthen their image of themselves as mathematicians.

Use two or more manipulatives for the concrete stages of concept development. It will increase the student's flexibility in thinking. Make many copies of the blank practice pages so you can gradually increase the difficulty of the problems and still have extra for periodical review. Cover pages with contact paper or put them in clear sheet protectors to make them reusable.

Begin each lesson with a warm-up and review. Always end the lesson with a success before the student is tired. It is best to end while the student is still enjoying the lesson.

Ask questions such as: "**Are you sure?**" or "**Build it.**" or "**What gave you the clue?**" or "**Show me how you got that.**" when a student is correct. This is important to do often. A student needs to rely on the self for knowledge ("Am I right?"). Confidence in knowing if a student is right or wrong, or at least close, must come from within the student, not from an external source. By asking the student if he or she is right even when right will make the student be confident and learn how to self-check.

Be sure the student is the one to solve the problem. Avoid giving too much help or direction. Time constraints during a lesson or impatience can lead a teacher to push too hard and show the student how to solve a problem the student could have solved without interference.

Explore other ways of solving a problem. Ask who has another idea over and over again. Mathematicians test each idea several ways to see if it will work or not. Encourage second and third thoughts.

Listen to each student explain how he or she solved a problem. It reinforces auditory learners and lets all students solidify concepts. Persist, talk, and think about what the student has done until you understand it.

Give some unsolvable problems (e.g., break up 4 six different ways). Allow a student to realize no solution is a possibility, a limit, and important information. It stretches the student's mind and teaches what failure is not.

Challenge a student who appears bored. The challenge could be working with higher numbers, recording answers for the group, or making up problems for all to solve.

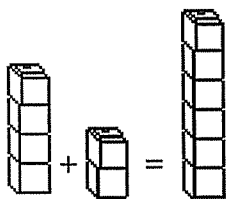
## Math Journal

It is interesting to keep a math journal of work and discoveries. Have students get in the habit of articulating and recording their thoughts, equations, and methods for solving problems. Instructions are on page 11.

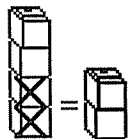
## Arithmetic Conventions

It is essential that learners build models of problems, draw pictures to prove their own answers, show understanding, and communicate their ideas to others. This program adopts the following conventions. The first number of an equation tells the amount or number of blocks to start with. The second number is seen as part of the operator, with the sign, and tells what to do next. The order of the words and the action of the hands correspond. Each operation—addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division—uses the same convention throughout the entire *Patterns in Arithmetic* series, Books 1 and 2 and Booklets.

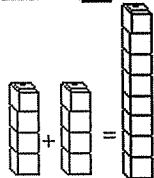
$4 + 2 = ?$  means start with four and add two more.



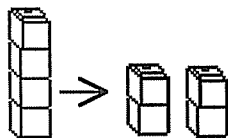
$4 - 2 = ?$  means start with four and take away two.



$4 \times 2 = ?$  means start with four and add it two times ( $4 + 4 = 8$ ).



$4 \div 2 = ?$  means start with four and divide it into groups of two (or make two groups).



## Make Your Own

Make your own problems should be done routinely. The student acting as a mathematician invents problems, which strengthens her control over the learning process. This reveals to the teacher her understanding of the concepts, how her mind works, and her current level of competency and confidence. It is a creative act for an empowered learner, and through its use powerful habits of mind will grow.

## Time Span

Time span is a general guide for how long a lesson may take or the length of a practice phase. Since each individual will vary in her pace based upon age and experience, do not worry about externally suggested

time frames or compare one student to another. The time spans given are for an average student at the third-grade level (about eight years old). Adults who are teaching themselves will pace themselves by their understanding, ease, and fluency with each concept.

At the Farm School students invented unique, successful ways to solve problems and discovered that although the standard regrouping algorithm has particular advantages in a base ten system, it is only one way among many. This invention laid a foundation for understanding *all* arithmetic algorithms (addition or subtraction or multiplication or division) because they are all built on the same model, a process with three parts: decomposing a large problem into many small problems, solving each small problem, and adding the results. When students understand this, each new arithmetic procedure has a familiar feeling, because it is seen to be part of the same family of algorithms.

The idea of breaking up difficult problems into smaller ones and then solving the little problems first can be applied to all of life. For example, a difficult piece of music is broken up into smaller parts to be practiced separately, then played all together later. And specifically to *Patterns in Arithmetic* a large third-, fourth-, and fifth-grade set of arithmetic lessons is broken up in a different way: by operations and by fractions and then recombined in booklet form for learners of all ages to do in their own chosen order.

The philosophy of the Farm School is based on the insights, ideas, and teachings of Professor Michael Butler. Over the years the work of many teachers has resulted in a mathematics program that aims to teach students to think like mathematicians.

"Anything children learn from adults can be learned more readily from another child."  
Welcome to this learning adventure.

## Take Delight

The following are some words of wisdom from Alysia Krafel, who helped develop many of the math materials contained in the lessons:

Take genuine delight in the learning of your student. This is your most powerful tool. There is much that is delightful in good thinking, a new solution, or an insightful comment. There is much danger for us adults when we come to think that we have seen it all, particularly when working on seemingly simple, "childish" problems. Often we are so intent on getting the student to see things our way that we miss the new perspective uttered by the student seeing the world for the first time. Take delight in those new perspectives—they are a gift to you. Often these perspectives will be simple and obvious yet profound in their truth. Be careful that you don't cast them aside with a "but of course."

Be aware enough to separate a good thought path from the correctness of an answer. A student [in the process of] explaining will often find a good path but follow it poorly. The original idea may be a good one even if it does not produce the correct solution. Instead of saying "No, that is not right," honor the attempt. "That was a good idea; I understand what you think even though it doesn't work here. It was a good try." Or ask questions that will test the hypothesis in other ways. "Are there other cases where this will work? Can you think of problems where it won't work?"

Be aware also that a student in a comfortable learning situation rarely says nonsensical things. Even an answer that may seem absurd to you makes sense to the student. Try to understand the model the student is using, the model that will make sense of what the student says. When you listen carefully to what the student is struggling to articulate, you show that you value his thoughts by your behavior. Your act of valuing and delighting in your student's thoughts will go many miles further than any reprimand you could give. You will, by your praise, cultivate a desire to search and test, and this will strengthen him against the frustration of error. The student will learn that thinking is fun.

If delight is to be your greatest asset, then impatience will be your greatest liability. Impatient teaching is humiliating to the learner. One aspect of impatience is expecting students to give snap answers to questions. The better the question the more time a student will need to mull it over. You must allow the student time to think. Silent times in my teaching have been as long as three to five minutes. Give students time to think.

A question often asked by teachers is, "How do I know what to do next, and in what order do things need to be done?" Use the Assessment Guides and the Sequence Guides to determine the next step in the learning process. The guides are for sequencing. They are not a time schedule. The Tests for Understanding help teachers determine when students are ready for the next step. And ultimately let self-motivated students of all ages know what they understand and their next moves.

## Math Journal

**Materials** A blank lined-paper journal—this can be a hardbound composition book, a colored report folder with lined paper in it, or a loose-leaf folder in which additional pages can be added as needed. Use wide-lined paper for this age group.

Post-it® Notes for Tabs—these are optional but very helpful to mark journal sections such as thoughts, discoveries, vocabulary glossary, algorithms, and formulas for easy reference.

Computer/Internet (optional, but wonderful)—[amathsdictionaryforkids.com](http://amathsdictionaryforkids.com). This site has a complete, illustrated, interactive glossary of mathematical terms.

**Set Up** Set up the Math Journal. Number the first fifty pages. Set aside the first three pages for a table of contents. Label the opening page as the Table of Contents. The first entry will be Vocabulary Glossary pages 4 - 30.

On page 4 label the top of the page Vocabulary Glossary A for all of the vocabulary words starting with the letter A. Label subsequent pages Glossary B on page 5, Glossary C on page 6, and so on to Z.

Place a labeled tab on the first page of the Glossary.

Students record thoughts, methods of solving problems, definitions, vocabulary, and formulas they discover. Many lessons ask the student to record a short answer or an essay question in the journal. It is useful for the student to write a first draft of an answer in the workbook. Then discuss it and refine the explanation using the glossary to substitute mathematical vocabulary for vague wording. Then have her copy the edited version of her answer into the Math Journal.

Although pictures will be useful to illustrate many concepts, discourage doodling in the Math Journal.

An example of a journal entry:

Area: The space inside the boundaries of a flat figure.

Area of a rectangle: The formula is length x width or ( $l \times w = A$ ).

The following page has possible words to include in the glossary of math vocabulary. Students write the definitions and formulas from their observations and discoveries.

## Glossary terms

### A

Area  
Associative Property  
Average  
Axis

### B

Base  
Bisect  
Borrowing  
Breaking Up

### C

Carrying  
Centimeter  
Chord  
Circumference  
Common denominator  
Commutative Property  
Coordinate  
Changing whole

### D

Deca- and deci-  
Decimal  
Denominator  
Dependent variable  
Distribution  
Distributive Property  
Difference  
Divisor  
Dividend

### E

Equal  
Equality  
Equivalent  
Estimate  
Exponent  
Equalities

### F

Factor  
Factors of ten  
Factoring  
Formula  
Fractions

### G

Greatest common factor

### H

Hex  
Horizontal

### I

Identity Property of 1 (Mighty One) and 0  
Independent variable  
Invert  
Inverse operations  
Inversely proportional (the more, the less patterns are called inversely proportional)

### J

K  
L  
Least common multiple  
Least common denominator

### M

Mean  
Median  
Meter  
Metric system  
Milli-  
Millimeter  
Mode

### N

Net  
Notation  
Numerator  
O  
Octa-  
Operators  $+$   $-$   $\times$   $\div$   $\pi$  and exponent  
Order of operations  
Ordered pair

### P

Parallelogram  
Parentheses  
Perpendicular

Prime Factoring

Prime Number

Power

Product

### Q

Quad - quadrilateral  
Quint  
Quotient

### R

Ratio  
Reciprocal  
Regrouping  
Rhombus  
Round number  
Rounding to greatest place

### S

Sequence  
Simplify  
Skip count  
Square number  
Sum  
Symbols  $<$   $>$   $=$   $\neq$   $( )$   $+$   $-$   
 $\times$   $\pi$   $/$   $\#$   $\%$   $\$$

### T

T chart  
Trapezoid  
Tri - triangle

### U

Unit of measurement

### V

### W

Whole

### X

X axis

### Y

Y axis

### Z

## Grading, Dialogues, and Online Warning Notes

In my practice as a teacher, I, Alysia, rarely had to give a letter grade to a student for work completed. The work was always examined and noted for student control of the topic. If a mistake was made, the student was asked to try to find where the mistake was located, and what caused the error and to correct it.

Construction of understanding and explaining one's thinking require that the individual take a personal psychological risk. Grading is by its nature judgmental and can create an unacceptable level of risk that will retard the ability of a student to succeed in construction and increase the chance that she will plead to be given the formula for a procedure she knows she does not understand.

Sometimes giving the formula to a student is appropriate. A few students will be cognitively unable to construct understanding. For them, accuracy and retention are important. Oftentimes, this choice can be made, and then later a second attempt at understanding can be made working backwards from knowing the answer to finding the sense of it.

If grading is required, use the Assessments for your personal measurement of the level of each student's understanding. If a student is asked to identify and correct errors, she is likely to spot her own carelessness or ask for a reteach so she can do the corrections. The grade can be based on both the effort made to do this and the correct result. Sometimes the Tests for Understanding will reveal a developmental block indicating that the student is not ready to learn this concept. The student should be given an incomplete, not an F, for this situation and given more instruction if possible.

### Dialogues Note

All teacher dialogues are in bold type and are in quotes. All student dialogues are in plain type and are in quotes. Please note that the dialogues in most lessons are idealized, with a student giving all the correct answers. The dialogue you have with your student will be unique. What's most important is to listen to the student and figure out the model of the world she is presenting. From your understanding of what she says, continue to ask probing questions or statements, such as: **“How did you get that?”** **“Show me what you mean.”** **“Build a model of that.”** **“Tell me more so I can understand what you are saying.”**

### Warning Note on Online Resources

There are thousands of sites online that provide worksheets, lessons, and games for kids to learn math. Take care when you use free sites. Many sites are free because they are installing cookies in your computer to collect data on your student's computer for marketing purposes. This data is used for pop-up ads and can be sold to third parties. If you do not want this collection to occur, avoid free game sites especially. If your student is using free applications on smartphones and the like, the GPS data on the physical location of the user is being collected by third parties. The sites that require subscription are much less likely to monetize your data in this way. Use online resources with care. There is a mountain of good stuff online, but you must be picky and read the privacy notices. If there are no privacy notices, that should act as a red flag.

## Sequence Guides

The following sequence presents a model from which a teacher can get ideas for designing a plan. Use the Assessments by subject to precisely plan a student's program. Plan a week at a time and revise as needed.

This is a proposed sequence, not a schedule. Each student will move at his or her own pace, taking a year, more or less. In addition, adults who want to understand arithmetic can try a strand and proceed independently and quickly.

It is important to take the time to explore new things and current interests of students instead of doing all of the planned lessons. Learning should be spontaneous, and time must be allowed for topics that are beyond the scope of *Patterns in Arithmetic*, which focuses primarily on arithmetic. These subjects are introduced but need further study: geometry, measurement, logic, and attribute studies. Lessons not covered in this book include decimals, time, problem solving, probability, and money. Recommended sources are \*\*double starred in the sequence chart and are listed in Resources.

The booklets for Grade 4 assume the student has the skills generally learned in third grade at age eight. The booklets for Grade 5 assume the student has the skills generally learned in fourth grade at age nine. The Assessments place students into the math sequence by skill, not by age.

"Use your professional judgment and trust your intuition. If you feel you need to move more quickly, do so. If you feel you need to move more slowly, do that. *Always remember*: our focus is the children. Our goal is to meet those children's needs. The focus is *never* on "getting through" these lessons or keeping to the sequence in spite of children's needs."

Mary Baratta-Lorton, *Mathematics Their Way*

Lessons progress developmentally from left to right according to the order in which they should be taught. Most lessons depend upon concepts and skills learned in earlier lessons. The exception is the General Math booklets, where subjects can be interchanged.

Year-round schools, home schoolers, and adults will expand or contract the schedule as needed.

### Abbreviations

AWV = Answers Will Vary  
 BUWV = Break Ups Will Vary  
 Div = Division  
 Geo = Geometry

Add = Addition  
 Sub = Subtraction  
 Fract = Fractions  
 Manip = Manipulative

Meas = Measurement  
 Multi = Multiplication  
 PV = Place Value  
 TG = Trading Game


Begin year

Grade	Months →		
Subjects ↓	Title and → location of lesson and/or		
	worksheet		



Grade 4	August	September	October
General Math Place Value	<i>Greater Than, Less Than or Equal To</i> , GM: Bklt 4 * <i>Trading Game: Review, *PV Strips, Trading Game Logic Puzzles</i> , PV: Bklt 2	<i>PV: Base 5, Abacus Mystery Number</i> , PV: <i>Six Digit</i> PV: Bklt 2	<i>Rounding Off: Tens, Rounding Large Numbers, Assessment</i> , PV: Bklt 2 Base Ten Conversions mm = cm = m ml = l (make up problems)
Addition and Subtraction	* <i>Speed Test: Add</i> , *CM: <i>Review</i> , PV: 2, § <i>Intro to Nonstandard Regroup and IOUs</i> , * <i>Standard Regroup: Review</i> , Sub: Bklt 4	<i>Difference Between: Patterns</i> , GM: Bklt 4 * <i>Nonstandard Regroup and IOUs: Review, Standard 3 Digits</i> , Sub: Bklt 4	<i>Sums and Differences: Patterns</i> , GM: Bklt 4 <i>Standard Three Digits with Recording</i> , Sub: Bklt 4
Multiplication	<i>Pre-Assessment: Part 1 Multi</i> : Bklt 2	<i>Merry Mix Up Drill, Arrays, Breaking Up Times, Distributive Property Multi</i> : Bklt 2	Continue Multi: Bklt 2 <i>Merry Mix Up</i> weekly
Division		<i>Pre-Assessment: Part 1 Div</i> : Bklt 1	* <i>Number Sentence Div</i> : Bklt 1
Decimals		Practice adding money in ** <i>Key to Decimals</i> : Bk 2 (or make up problems)	
Fractions	<i>Pre-Assessment, Free Exploration: Pattern Blocks and Fraction Circles - make designs, Flower Power</i> , Fract: Bklt 2	* <i>Pattern Block Fractions: Review, Predator Game Recording: Prism Fractions</i> , Fract: Bklt 2	<i>Fraction Card Game, Greater Than, Less Than, or Equal To</i> Continue Fract: Bklt 2
Probability and Statistics	Make frequency graphs on pets, favorite foods, car colors, height and Mode, Median in ** <i>Data About Us</i>	Tally charts and line plots of types of toys in their rooms, make a class data chart ** <i>Data About Us</i> or ** <i>Used Numbers</i>	Spinner Games–Single Outcome Probability in the book ** <i>GEMS - In All Probability</i>
Geometry	Art project– Reflected Names (Hot dog folded colored paper name written in wide-line script and cut out. Open to see reflected name.)	<i>Area: Nonstandard</i> , GM: Bklt 4 My Room: To scale maps of their rooms on ¼ grid paper – top view measuring perimeters of room and all furniture in the room.	<i>Area: Standard</i> , GM: Bklt 4, Art projects using line types (lines, line segments, rays, angles, parallel and perpendicular)

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Grade 4	November	December	January
General Math Place Value	<i>Number Lines</i> GM: Bklt 4 Add negative numbers—make up problems, Add large odd and even numbers—make up problems	<i>Coordinate Graphing, What’s My Rule?, Square Numbers</i> GM: Bklt 4	<i>Number Patterns: Adding Shapes, Number Patterns: Missing Numbers</i> , GM: Bklt 4, Customary weights - lbs. and oz.
Addition and Subtraction	<i>Standard Three Digits: Assessment</i> , Sub: Bklt 4	<i>Gus the Bus Driver</i> Sub: Bklt 4 <i>Rainbow Patterns</i> GM: Bklt 4 Practice	<i>Word Problems, Regrouping Practice</i> , Sub: Bklt 4
Multiplication	Continue Multi: Bklt 2 <i>Expanded Tables</i> Begin Expanded Tables Flip Books Weekly facts drills	Continue Multi: Bklt 2 Expanded Tables Flip Books Weekly facts drills	Finish Multi: Bklt 2, Finish Expanded Tables Flip Books, <i>Post-Assessment</i> Multi: Bklt 2
Division	Continue Div: Bklt 1 Weekly facts drills	* <i>Monkeys on the Roof</i> , Div: Bklt 1 Weekly facts drills	Weekly facts drills in both number sentence and house forms 
Decimals		Practice with making change money problems	“Manipulative Decimal Place Value” in the book ** <u>Decimal Factory</u>
Fractions	<i>Changing Wholes</i> Fract: Bklt 2	<i>Add and Sub of Like Fractions</i> Fract: Bklt 2	<i>Fractions as Ratios, Fractional Parts of Sets</i> Fract: Bklt 2
Probability and Statistics	Single Event Probability continued and polyhedra dice games in the book ** <u>GEMS - In All Probability</u>		
Geometry	Master all geometry vocabulary for polygons, Art projects with pattern blocks	Rectangular Prisms—learn to wrap a box. Make a gift box and decorate it.	<i>Area of Rectangles</i> GM: Bklt 4

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Grade 4	February	March	April/May
General Math Place Value	<i>Graphing Number Patterns, Algebraic Thinking</i> GM: Bklt 4	<i>Families of Facts: Missing Numbers, Cube City</i> , GM: Bklt 4 More on line graphs and bar graphs	
Addition and Subtraction	<i>Up and Down Sums</i> , GM: Bklt 4 Practice addition and subtraction with larger numbers	* <i>Facts Review</i> , Sub: Bklt 4 Practice word problems and addition and subtraction with decimals	<i>Post-Assessment</i> , Sub: Bklt 4
Multiplication	<i>Pre-Assessment: Part 1</i> Begin Multi: Bklt 3 Practice - Example: 234 x 7, Weekly facts drills	Continue Multi: Bklt 3 Practice - Example: 1234 x 7 Weekly facts drills	Continue Multi: Bklt 3 Practice
Division	<i>Post-Assessment</i> , Div: Bklt 1 Weekly facts drills	Begin Div: Bklt 2 or Base Ten Division according to the <i>Pre-Assessment</i> or † <i>Placement Assessment</i>	Div: Bklt 2 or Base Ten Division
Decimals	“Decimal place value Tenthths” in <u>**Key to Decimals</u> : Book 1	“Decimal place value Hundredths” in <u>**Key to Decimals</u> : Book 1	“Decimal place value Thousandths” in <u>**Key to Decimals</u> : Book 1 (low priority if you are pressed)
Fractions	<i>Parts of Wholes, Parts of Wholes as Multiplication of Fractions, Post-Assessment</i> Fract: Bklt 2	Teachers may vary the teaching order of Bklt 3, 4, and 5. <i>Pre-Assessment - Part 1, Mixed Numbers to Improper Fractions</i> , Fract: Bklt 3	<i>Improper Fractions to Mixed Numbers</i> Fract: Bklt 3
Probability and Statistics	Basic tree diagrams in <u>**Problem Solver Series</u>	Practice	Practice
Geometry	Classification of Angles	Classification of Triangles <u>**Moving With Math</u>	Practice

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Grade 5	August	September	October
General Math Place Value Order may vary with GM books	<i>Vocabulary Words</i> , <i>*Prime Factoring: Review</i> , PV: Bklt 3	PV: Bklt 3	<i>Pascal's Triangle</i> , GM: 6 Continue PV: Bklt 3
Addition and Subtraction	<i>Goldbach's Conjec- ture</i> , GM: Bklt 5	<i>Difference Between Patterns</i> GM: Bklt 5	<i>Addition Puzzle</i> , <i>Addition and Sub- traction Review</i> , PV: Bklt 3
Multiplication	Continue Multi: Bklt 3 Times tables practice	Continue Multi: Bklt 3 <i>*Prime Factors: Review, Associative Blocks</i> , GM: Bklt 5	<i>Post-Assessment, Multi:</i> Bklt 3, <i>Finding Com- posite Factors from Prime Factors, Prime Factors Meet the Assoc. Prop.</i> GM: Bklt 5
Division		<i>*Single Digit Divi- sion Assessment</i>	<i>*Single Digit Divi- sion Practice</i>
Decimals		<i>Decimal Place Value Place Value</i> : Bklt 3	Begin <b>**Key to Decimals</b> : Bk 2.
Fractions The teaching order of Fract: Bklt 3, 4, and 5 may vary.	<i>Free Exploration: Prism Fractions Circles, Pattern Blocks, Cuisenaire Rods</i>	<i>Addition of Mixed Numbers with Like Denominators, Mixed Numbers Meet Sub</i> , Fract: Bklt 3	<i>Subtraction of Mixed Numbers with Regrouping, Post- Assessment</i> Fract: Bklt 3
Probability and Statistics	Mode, Median and Range using height, shoe sizes, age in months of the class <b>**Data About Us</b>	<i>*Probability of Single Outcomes <b>**GEMS - In All Probability</b></i>	<i>Averages</i> Div: Bklt 2
Geometry Order may vary		<i>Rainbow Rectangles</i> GM: Bklt 5	<i>Area and Perimeter - Logic Puzzle</i> GM: Bklt 5

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Grade 5	November	December	January
General Math Place Value  Order may vary	<i>Variables, Playing with Parentheses</i> GM: Bklt 6 Continue PV: Bklt 3	<i>Order of Operations, Families of Facts</i> GM: Bklt 6 Finish PV: Bklt 3	<i>Number Patterns: Functions</i> GM: Bklt 5
Addition and Subtraction	Practice	Practice	Practice
Multiplication	<i>Pre-Assessment, §Distributive Property, Multi: Bklt 4 Rat Cage Problems</i> GM: Bklt 5	Continue Multi: Bklt 4 <i>Playing with Parentheses, Order of Operations, GM: Bklt 6</i>	Continue Multi: Bklt 4 <i>*Properties: Review, GM: Bklt 6</i>
Division	<i>Remainders as Fractions, Remainders as Decimals</i> Div: Bklt 3	Continue Div: Bklt 3	Continue Div: Bklt 3 <i>Relationships: Division, GM: Bklt 5</i>
Decimals		Ordering decimals in <u>**Key to Decimals: Book 1</u>	50% = $\frac{1}{2}$ = $\frac{25}{100}$ with basic fractions in <u>**Key to Percents: Book 3</u>
Fractions	Continue Fract: Bklt 3 if not completed Practice	Fract: Bklt 4 - Equivalent Fractions	Fract: Bklt 5 - Simplifying Fractions
Probability and Statistics	<i>Averaging: Manipulative, GM: Bklt 5</i>		<i>Averaging Up and Down, GM: Bklt 6, Practice mean, median, and mode</i>
Geometry Order may vary		<i>Relationships</i> GM: Bklt 6	<i>Circle Segments, Geometry of Circles, Circle City</i> GM: Bklt 6

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Grade 5	February	March	April/May
General Math Place Value Order may vary	<i>Difference Between</i> GM: Bklt 6		
Addition and Subtraction	Practice	Practice	Practice
Multiplication	Practice	Continue Multi: Bklt 4	<i>Post-Assessment</i> Multi: Bklt 4
Division	Dividing with decimals, <b>**Key to</b> <u>Decimals</u> : Book 3		<i>Post-Assessment</i> Div: Bklt 3
Decimals	<b>**Key to Percents:</b> Book 1 independent work, dividing with decimals in <b>**Key</b> <u>to Decimals</u> : Book 3	Multiplication of decimals in <b>**Key to</b> <u>Decimals</u> : Book 2	Simple percent in <b>**Key to Percents</b>
Fractions	Fract: Bklt 6 - Mul- tiplication of Frac- tions	Fract: Bklt 7 - Addi- tion and Subtraction of Unlike Fractions Practice	Fract: Bklt 8 - Under- standing Division– completes Fraction series, usually taught in Grade 6
Probability and Statistics	Tree diagrams and multiple event probability in the <b>**Problem Solver</b> Series	Practice	
Geometry Order may vary		<i>Internal Angles of</i> <i>Triangles, Area of</i> <i>Triangles</i> GM: Bklt 5	<i>Area and Perimeter:</i> <i>Parallelograms, GM:</i> Bklt 5 <i>Investigating Cubes</i> GM: Bklt 6

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## Lesson Planning

The Sequence Guides provide a math skills model to assist in planning lessons. Adapt and supplement it for your own situation. Since the student is the focus, speed up or slow down according to her pace. Schedule a weekly lesson planning in a quiet place for half an hour or more. Make a copy of the following page for each week.

Choose topics from each subject in the Sequence Guides chart (e.g., General Math, Addition, Subtraction, etc.). The lessons progress developmentally from left to right from August to May. Specifically, use the student's results from the Assessment to indicate where to begin instruction. Finally, check for prerequisites in the lessons to make sure the student has the skills and/or previous experience to easily succeed in a particular lesson. Then use the student's "Make your own" problems as a guide for what to do next, e.g., reteach the lesson, review with manipulatives, give harder problems, give easier problems, go to the next lesson, and/or practice fluency. Use blank practice pages to create exactly what the student needs.

If a student is bored, it often means she is not being challenged. Remedy this by giving problems with larger numbers, more intricate patterns, missing numbers, and by having her make up her own challenging problems including a hard problem she is not yet able to do.

The weekly lesson plan is based on the model that every concept is taught in a consistent pattern: initially learning from the concrete (e.g., body and blocks), through the pictorial (e.g., a drawing), and on to the abstract (e.g., number sentences), and finally practicing fluency and speed.

### Weekly Lesson Plan (a possible sample for the beginning of the year)

#### Exploration (Concrete/manipulative)

1. Practice care of manipulatives and cleanup
2. Pattern blocks
3. Fraction circles

#### Guided Lessons (oral/manipulative)

1. GM: B 4 - Greater Than, Less Than, or Equal To P/TG
2. PV: B 2 - Trading Game Review P/TG
3. Sub: B 4 - Introduction to Nonstandard Regrouping P/TG
4. Multi: B 2 - Introduction to the Distributive Property P/TG
5. Div: B 2 (nothing planned at this time)
6. Fract: B 2 - Freely explore fraction manipulatives

#### Supervised Practice (manipulative to representational)

1. GM: B 4 - Trading Game (play but don't record)
2. PV: B 2 - Place Value: Counting Cuckoos and PV: Manipulative
3. Sub: B 4
4. Multi: B 2 - Pre-Assessment (to plan next week's lesson)
5. Div: B 2
6. Fract: B 2 - Pre-Assessment (to plan next week's lesson)

#### Independent Practice (abstract/symbolic)

1. GM: B 4 - Trading Game (play in a different base) SW
2. PV: B 2 - Place Value: Two Digits P/TG (PV Strips in SW)
3. PV: B 2 - Circle Math: Review SW
4. Sub: B 4 - Standard Regrouping: Review SW
5. Multi: B 2 - Multiplying Factors SW

#### Daily list (for student) Pages are in SW.

1. Explore pattern blocks  
Build a symmetrical pattern block design with a partner  
Play Trading Game in base three or four
2. PV: B 2 - Addition Speed Test SW  
Sub: B 4 - Standard Regrouping  
Multi: B 2 - practice multiplication facts

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3. GM: B 4 - Play Trading Game in base five  
PV: B 2 - Circle Math: Review - Addition  
Multi: B 2 - Pre-Assessment with teacher  
Fract: B 2 - Explore fraction circles

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4. GM: B 4 - Greater Than, Less Than, or Equal To  
PV: B 2 - Place Value Strips in base four  
Multi: B 2 - Multiplying Factors  
Fract: B 2 - Free Exploration: Wkst 2

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5. PV: B 2 - Circle Math: Review - Addition  
Multi: B 2 - Breaking Up Times: Review - Wkst 1  
Fract: B 2 - Pre-Assessment with teacher

Lessons are from Student Workbooks and Parent/Teachers Guides

Division: Booklet 2 (Div: B 2)      Multiplication: Booklet 2  
Fractions: Booklet 2                  Place Value: Booklet 2  
General Math: Booklet 4              Subtraction: Booklet 4

Patterns in Arithmetic: General Organization  
Parent /Teacher Guide

#### Abbreviations

Div = Division                  P/TG = Parent/Teacher Guide  
Fract = Fractions              PV = Place Value  
GM = General Math          SW = Student Workbook  
Multi = Multiplication      Sub = Subtraction  
Wkst = Worksheet

Lesson Planning

**Weekly Lesson Plan** (for teacher)

Exploration (concrete/manipulative)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Guided Lessons (oral /manipulative)

1. GM \_\_\_\_\_
2. PV \_\_\_\_\_
3. Add or Sub \_\_\_\_\_
4. Multi \_\_\_\_\_
5. Div \_\_\_\_\_
6. Fract \_\_\_\_\_

Supervised Practice (manipulative to representational)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

Independent Practice (abstract/symbolic)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

**Daily list** (for student)

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## Materials

You will need the following tools to complete this program. This supply list is for one to two students. Classes will need to upscale appropriately.

### General Supplies

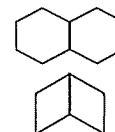
- No. 2 pencils (Ticonderogas are the best), pink erasers, colored pencils, crayons, sidewalk chalk, masking tape, cellophane tape, scissors, 30 centimeter ruler, 100 centimeter ruler, a standard ruler, and a yardstick. A twenty-five-foot tape measure is helpful.
- Colored acetates or cellophane in green, blue, and yellow (Can use report covers, which are sold in most office supply stores. These are nice and rigid.) Cut into 1 cm by 10 cm strips.
- Grid paper can be downloaded from the Internet or ordered from a distributor.

### Optional

- Small write-on/wipe-off white boards. Use masking tape or permanent markers to make the work-board circles and squares. Wipe-off markers, board cleaner, old cotton or wool socks to erase the boards. You can also use laminated workboards with the overhead markers.  
Note: The markers used on white boards and acetates are different.
- Cafeteria trays or large cookie sheets are useful to contain manipulatives.

### Manipulatives

- 20 one-inch tiles: These can be ordered or made from stiff poster board and an X-Acto knife.
- Dice: a set of 4 green and 4 red standard dice
- Lima beans and pinto beans are good, inexpensive, all-purpose counters.
- Split peas (for General Math: Booklets 3 and 4)
- Base Ten Blocks: 5 one thousands cubes, 20 one hundreds flats, 30 ten rods, 100 unit cubes, 30 centimeter chips (These can be made with stiff poster board.)
- Unifix Cubes: 1 set of 100
- Cuisenaire Rods: 2 to 3 trays You need ten rods of each color.
- Pattern blocks: 1 bucket  
Pattern block directions for pink or black blocks:  
Pink: Glue two yellow hexagons together to make this shape. Paint pink if you wish.  
Black: Glue two blue rhombi together to make this shape. Paint black if you wish.  
Or make them from sturdy paper.
- Prism Fractions circles: 1 set (available from Pattern Press)  
Prism Fractions square and circle fraction manipulative paper sets are supplied with the *Patterns in Arithmetic* fraction series booklets (available from Pattern Press).
- A lined composition book for each student or a three-ring binder with 50 sheets of lined paper for the Math Journal



## Resources

*Pattern Factory* for all ages—Uses manipulatives to generate patterns that can be figured out, graphed, and turned into functions.

Gems Units: Available from Lawrence Hall of Science in Berkeley, California, and many other distributors. Most cost \$15 to \$23. They also have great science units.

1. *Secret Formulas*: Grades 2 to 4—Teaches measurement of various ingredients to make a salad dressing.
2. *Math on the Menu*: Grades 3 to 5—Teaches strategies for determining all the possible combinations of a set of items, in this case, tacos. This strategy is important for the understanding of probability.
3. *In All Probability*: Grades 3 to 5—Develops concepts of probability.
4. *Algebraic Reasoning*: Grades 3 to 5—Introduces linear graphing and algebraic functions.
5. *Quadice*—Great for a family with students at different math levels for grades 4 to 8. It is a wonderful exploration of the probabilities of various combinations of four dice.

*Data About Us: Statistics*

*Decimal Factory*

*Family Math*—Great resource for all ages for family math games.

*Hands On Attribute Blocks*

*Key to Fractions*: Book 1, grade 3, after completing *Patterns in Arithmetic: Fractions - Booklet 1*.

*Key to Algebra*: Book 1, grade 6, teaches operations with positive and negative numbers.

*Key to Decimals*: Books 1 to 4 and Answer Keys grades 4 and 5.

*Key to Percent*: Book 1

Measurement—the old *Measure Matters* by Creative Publications is wonderful. If you can find one of these sets, get them. Other hands-on materials for teaching measurement are widely available online or from multiple catalogs. One of the best ways to teach customary weights is in the grocery store and in the pharmacy for metric weights such as milligrams.

*Moving With Math*

*Pattern Block Activities, Books A and B*

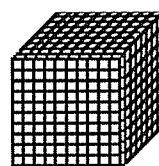
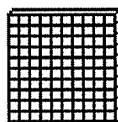
*Problem Solver Series*—Teaches eight problem-solving strategies with word problems of all kinds. Easy to use.

## Base Ten Materials

### Base Ten Counters

ones      tens      hundreds      thousands

Base Ten Blocks

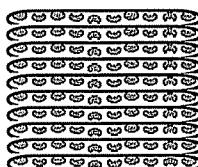
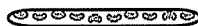


wood, plastic,  
or paper

Cuisenaire Rods



Bean Sticks



### Cuisenaire Rods

Use the white (one) and the orange (ten) rods.

For one hundred use ten orange rods rubber banded or glued together. DAP™ Fun-Tak Reusable Adhesive can be used to temporarily hold rafts together.

Inexpensive paper cubes representing a thousand can be purchased from ETA Cuisenaire. ETA-Cuisenaire (800) 445-5985 [www.etacuisenaire.com](http://www.etacuisenaire.com)

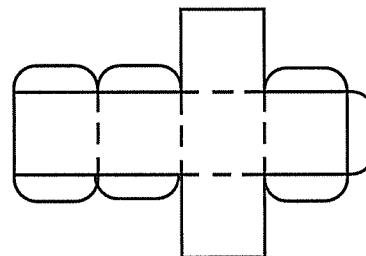
### Instructions for making thousands cubes

#### Materials

Poster board

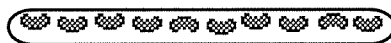
Centimeter grid paper

Paper glue or paste



Cut out precisely six 10 x 10 centimeter squares from the grid paper. These should be the same size as the one hundred flat Base Ten Block. Arrange the six cut out squares on the poster board and paste them down so the grid paper will be on the outside. Leave room for tabs. Draw in tabs like the illustration. Cut out the figure including the tabs. Score along the dotted lines with a ruler and pen. Flip it over, and fold it into a cube, and glue the tabs to hold it together.

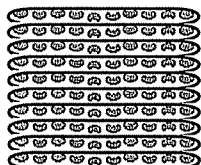
### Base Ten Bean Sticks



An inexpensive alternative is to make Base Ten Bean Sticks.

Materials: small beans, Popsicle sticks, glue

Activity: Glue ten beans to a Popsicle stick. Make about twenty of these.



Rafts can be made to represent 100 with ten bean sticks and rubber bands or glue ten sticks to a cardboard square.

## Patterns in Arithmetic: Series Overview

### Books

Contains:  
 Addition  
 Subtraction  
 Multiplication  
 Division  
 General Math  
 Place Value  
 Beginning Fractions

Grade 1	Grade 2
Parent/Teacher Guide Book 1	Parent/Teacher Guide Book 2
Student Workbook Book 1	Student Workbook Book 2

### Booklets by Subject

Parent/Teacher Guide  
 Student Workbook

General Organization  
 Includes:  
 Philosophy  
 Teaching Techniques  
 Arithmetic Convention, ,  
 Sequence Guides  
 Lesson Planning  
 Materials  
 Resources  
 Math Journal  
 Series Overview

General Math  
 Includes:  
 Patterns  
 Geometry  
 Measurement  
 Place Value  
 Pre-algebra  
 Graphing  
 Functions  
 and more

	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
General Organization	Grade 3	Grades 4 and 5	Grades 4 and 5	
Addition	Booklet 3			
Subtraction	Booklet 3 Base Ten	Booklet 4		
Multiplication	Booklet 1	Booklet 2 Expanded Tables Flip Bk *Booklet 3	Booklet 4	
Division	Booklet 1	Booklet 2 Base Ten	Booklet 3	
General Math	Booklet 3	Booklet 4	Booklet 5 Booklet 6	
Place Value		*Booklet 2	Booklet 3	
Fractions Fractions Tool Chest	Booklet 1	Booklet 2 *Booklet 3	Booklet 4 Booklet 5 Booklet 6 Booklet 7	Booklet 8
Decimals		<i>Key to Decimals</i> Book 1	<i>Key to Decimals</i> Book 2	<i>Key to Decimals</i> Book 3

\*These booklets are used in more than one grade.

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**Books** - Contains all subjects listed below

Book 1 - Grade 1

Book 2 - Grade 2

**General Organization and Philosophy**

General Organization - Grade 3

General Organization - Grades 4 and 5

Fractions Tool Chest - Understanding Fractions

### **Booklets by Subject**

#### **Addition**

Booklet 3 - Regrouping (carrying) into Four Digits - Grade 3

#### **Subtraction**

Booklet 3 - General Principles of Regrouping (borrowing) - Grade 3

Base Ten Subtraction - Chrysalis Charter School - Grade 3

Booklet 4 - Large Numbers and Practice - Grade 4

#### **General Math**

Booklet 3 - Place Value, Measurement, and Geometry - Grade 3

Booklet 4 - Patterns and Algebraic Thinking - Grade 4

Booklet 5 - Geometric Formulas, Linear Functions, and Division Relationships - Grade 5

Booklet 6 - Geometry of Circles, Algebraic Properties, and More Functions - Grades 5 and 6

#### **Multiplication**

Booklet 1 - Basic Concepts - Grade 3

Booklet 2 - Beginning Long Multiplication and Basics of Distribution - Grade 4

Expanded Tables Flip Book - Grades 3, 4, and 5

Booklet 3 - Properties and Factoring - Grades 4 and 5

Booklet 4 - Working with Large Numbers and Decimals - Grade 5

#### **Division**

Booklet 1 - Basic Concepts - Grades 3 and 4

Booklet 2 - Breaking Up Division - Grade 4

Base Ten Division - Chrysalis Charter School - Grade 4

Booklet 3 - Working with Double Digit Division - Grade 5

#### **Place Value**

Booklet 2 - Rounding Off and Estimating - Grades 3 and 4

Booklet 3 - Into the Millions, Exponential Notation, and Operations Review - Grades 4 and 5

#### **Fractions**

Booklet 1 - Basic Concepts - Grade 3

Booklet 2 - Developing Concepts and Beginning Operations - Grade 4

Booklet 3 - Mixed Numbers and Improper Fractions - Grades 4 and 5

Booklet 4 - Equivalent Fractions - Grades 4 and 5

Booklet 5 - Simplifying Fractions - Grades 4 and 5

Booklet 6 - Multiplication - Grades 4 and 5

Booklet 7 - Addition and Subtraction of Unlike Fractions - Grade 5

Booklet 8 - Understanding Division - Grades 5 and 6

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