

# Making Friends with Fractions

## Academic Excellence PTAC Session

Tuesday  
01/10  
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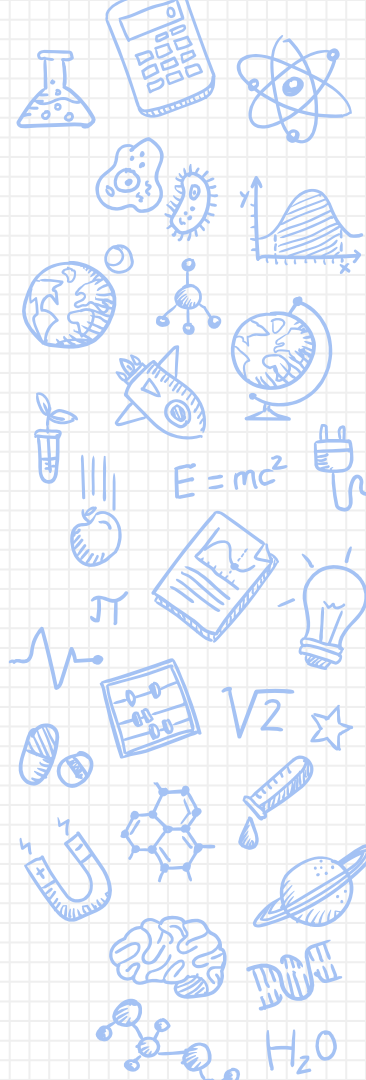
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# Learning Targets Today

- I understand the importance of visual models.
- I can support my child with seeing fractions as numbers and how to compare them.
- I understand that my child will learn to use algorithms just like I did.

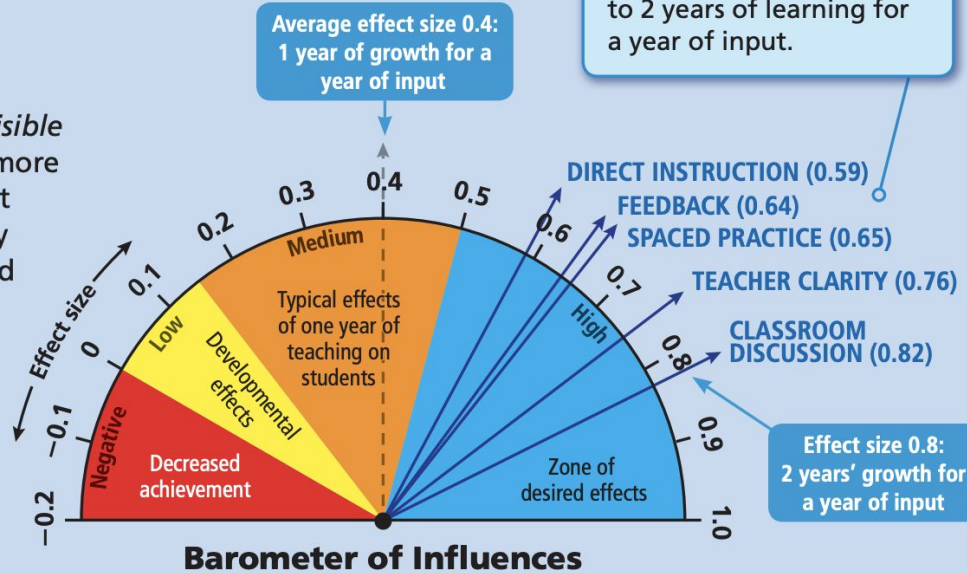


# Why Big Ideas Math?

## Embedded in every lesson!

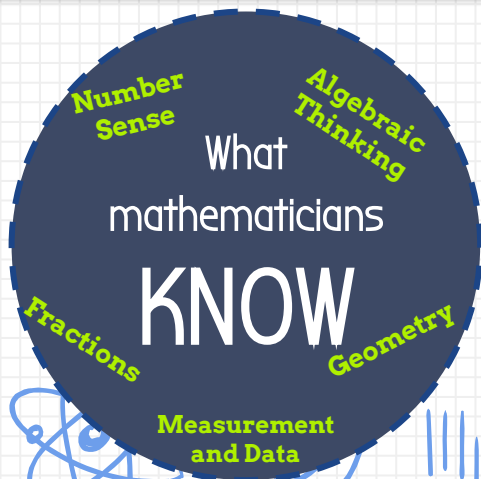
### Five Strategies for Purposeful Focus

Professor John Hattie, in his *Visible Learning* network, identified more than 250 influences on student learning, and developed a way of ranking them. He conducted meta-analyses and compared the influences by their **effect size**—the impact the factor had on student learning.

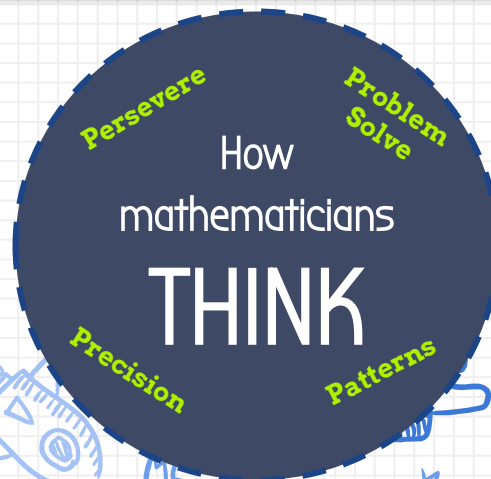


We focus on **STRATEGIES** with some of the **HIGHEST IMPACT** on student achievement—up to 2 years of learning for a year of input.

# How your student learns math



CT Core  
Standards



Mathematical  
Standards of  
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# Grade 1 - 4 Fractions

Fraction concepts standards do not exist before Grade 3. We support students in their initial understanding of fractions through **geometry** in Grades 1 and 2.

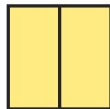
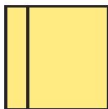


# Grade 1 (Geometry: 1.G.3)

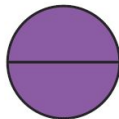
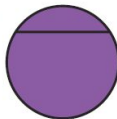
1.G.3: Partition **circles and rectangles** into two or four equal shares, describe the shares using the **words halves, fourths** and quarters and use the phrases “half of,” “fourth of,” “quarter of”

Circle the shape that shows equal shares.

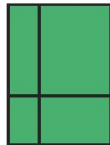
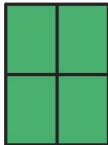
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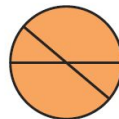
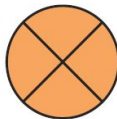
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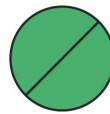
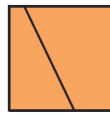


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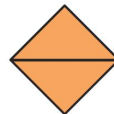
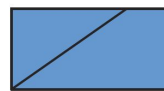


Circle the shapes that show halves.

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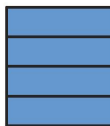


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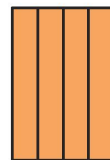
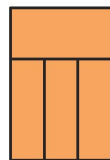


Circle the shape that shows fourths.

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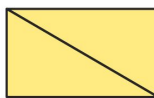


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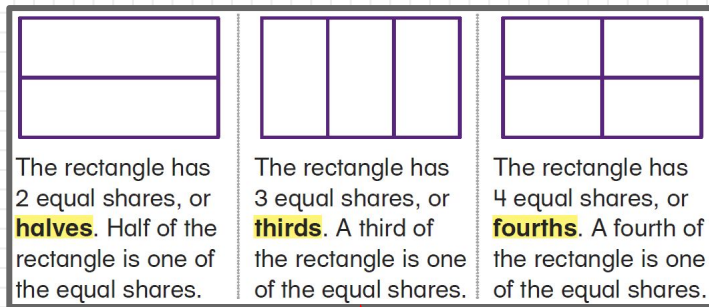
Circle the shapes that show fourths.

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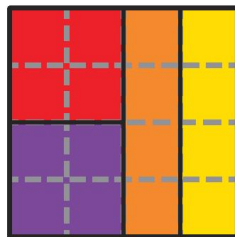
# Grade 2 (Geometry: 2.G.3)

2.G.3: Partition **circles and rectangles** into two, three, or four equal shares, describe the shares using the **words: halves, thirds**, half of, a third of, etc.

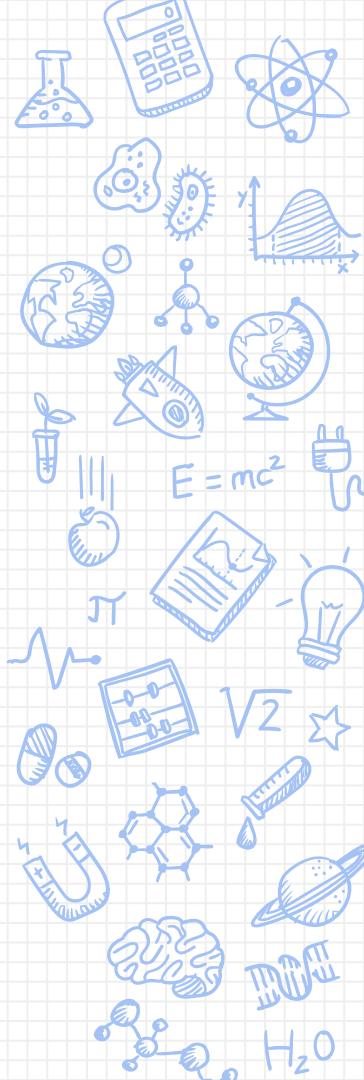


**What's different from Grade 1?**  
**(Thirds and equal vs. congruent)**

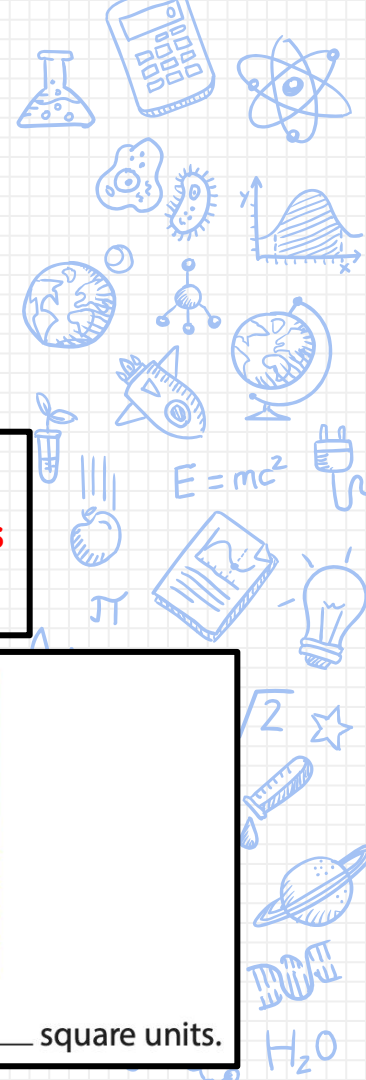
**DIG DEEPER!** Explain how you know each color is a fourth of the whole square.



The whole square is divided into 16 smaller squares. Each set of 4 of the 16 is one-fourth of the whole square.







# Grade 3 (Fractions: 3.NF.1)

3.NF.1: Understand a fraction  $1/b$  as the quantity formed by 1 part when a whole is partitioned by  $b$  equal parts; understand a fraction  $a/b$  as the quantity formed by  $a$  parts of size  $1/b$ .

Fraction denominators are limited to 2,3,4,6,8

What fraction of the whole is shaded?

5.



$\frac{4}{6}$

is shaded.

6.



$\frac{2}{3}$

is shaded.

7.



$\frac{5}{8}$

is shaded.

8.



$\frac{4}{6}$

is shaded.

What's different from Grade 2?

(No specific shapes, equal shares now mean area, fourth vs  $\frac{1}{4}$ )

One fourth =

$\frac{1}{4}$



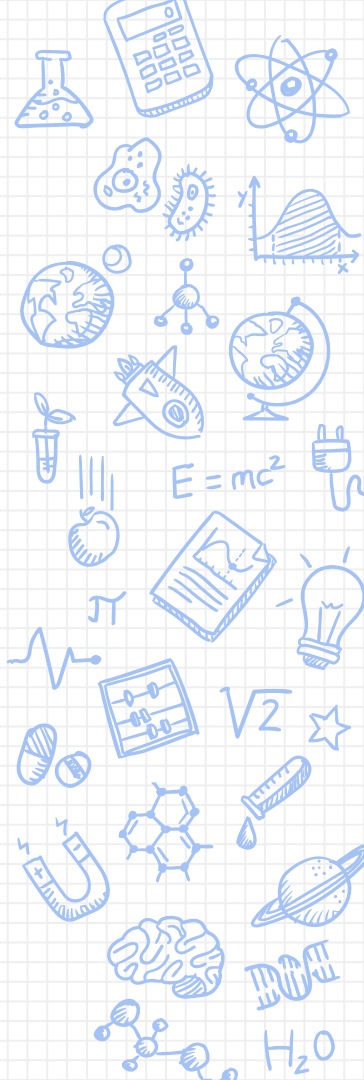
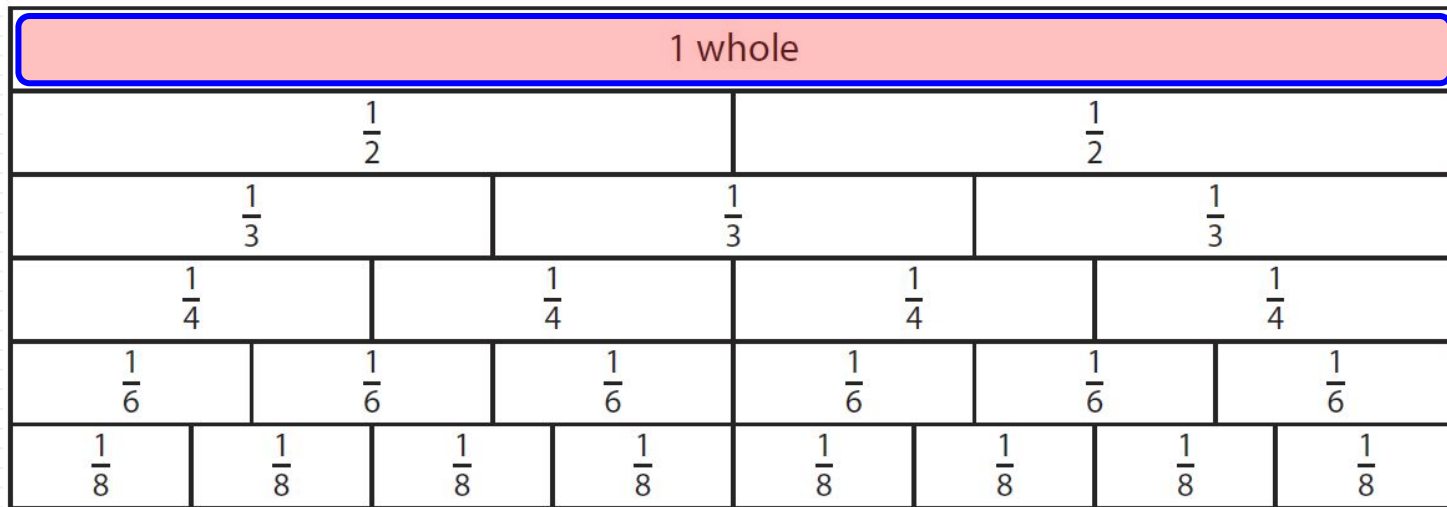
The lion exhibit is \_\_\_\_\_ square units.



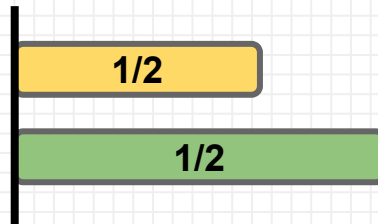
# Grade 3 (Geometry: 3.G.2)

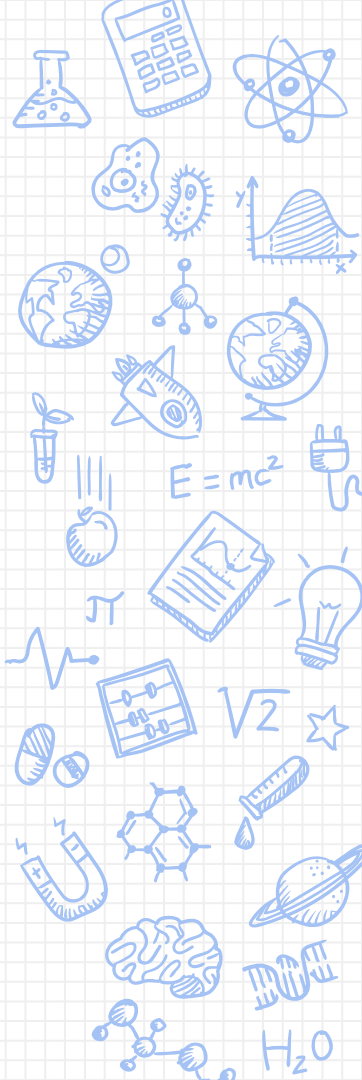
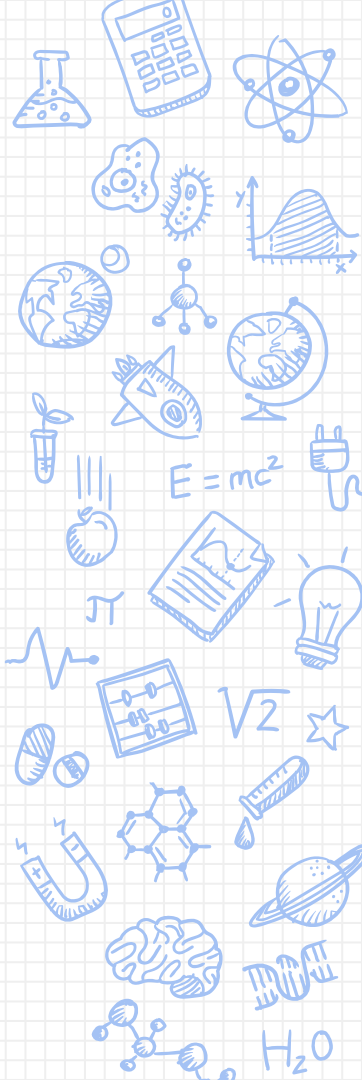
3.G.2: Partition shapes into parts with equal shares.

**Express the area of each part as a unit fraction of the whole.**



# It depends on the whole!



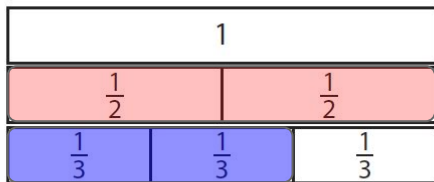


# Grade 3 (Fractions: 3.NF.3)

3.NF.3: Recognize and generate simple equivalent fractions. Explain why they are equivalent by using a visual model. Understand two fractions as equivalent if they are the same size or the same point on a number line.

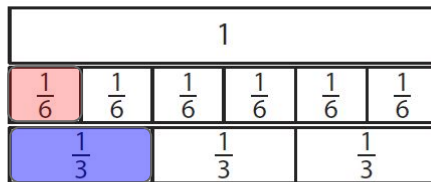
Shade to compare the fractions.

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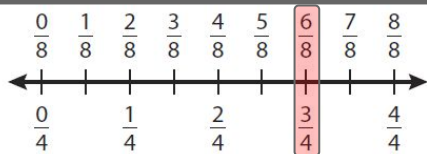
$$\frac{2}{2} \bigcirc \frac{2}{3}$$

4.



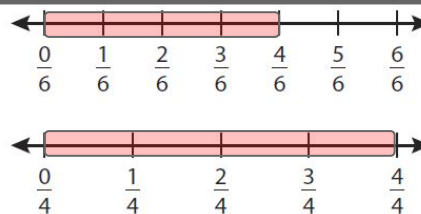
$$\frac{1}{6} \bigcirc \frac{1}{3}$$

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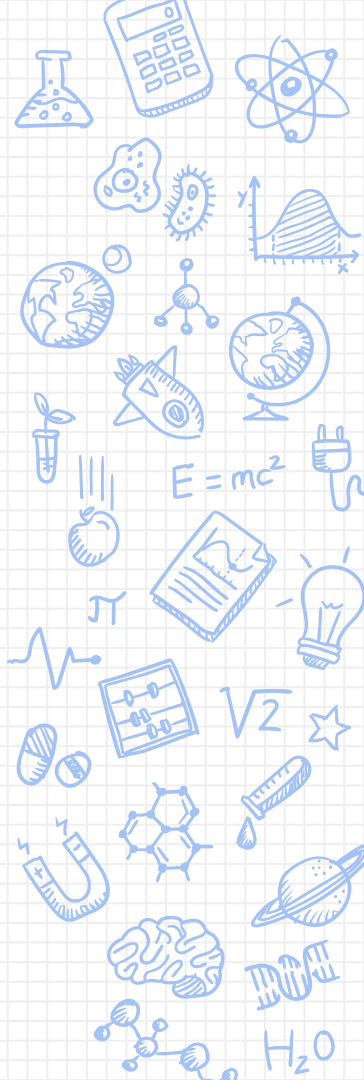


$$\frac{3}{4} \bigcirc \frac{6}{8}$$

4.



$$\frac{4}{6} \bigcirc \frac{4}{4}$$



Compare two fractions with the same numerator or the same denominator by reasoning about their size.

A horizontal number line is shown, ranging from 0 to 100. Major tick marks are labeled every 10 units (0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100). Minor tick marks are present between the major ones, representing increments of 2. A red arrow points upwards from the number 50 on the line.

**4.NF.2:** Compare two fractions with different numerators and different denominators, e.g., by creating common denominators or numerators.

# Grade 4 (Fractions: 4.NF.2)

4.NF.2: Compare two fractions with different numerators and different denominators, e.g., by creating common denominators or numerators, or by comparing to a benchmark fraction such as  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

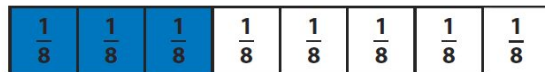
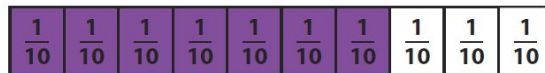
A **benchmark** is a commonly used number that you can use to compare other numbers. You can use the benchmarks  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 1 to help you compare fractions.

**Example** Use fraction strips to compare  $\frac{7}{10}$  and  $\frac{3}{8}$ .

Compare each fraction to the benchmark  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

$$\frac{7}{10} \bigcirc \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } \frac{3}{8} \bigcirc \frac{1}{2}$$

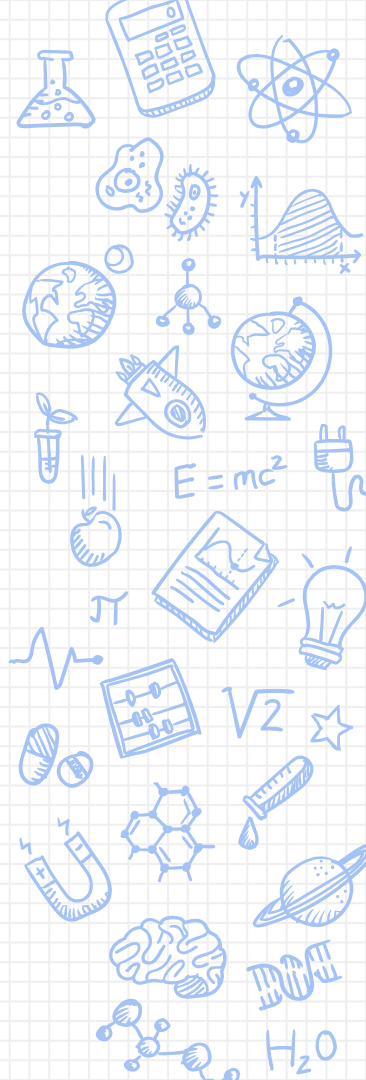
$$\text{So, } \frac{7}{10} \bigcirc \frac{3}{8}$$



7 is greater than half of 10,  
so  $\frac{7}{10}$  is greater than  $\frac{1}{2}$ .



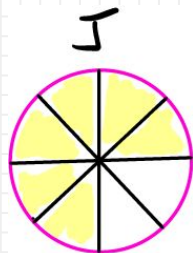
There are more standards, but let's look at some sample problems of what students are asked to solve on a state assessment.



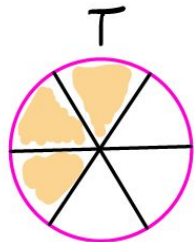
# Fun Examples (Grades 3-5)

## 3.NF.3: Compare fractions with like numerators and denominators

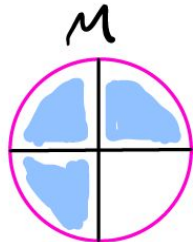
Jason, Tara and Mike each ordered a large pizza. Jason asked to have his pizza cut into 8 equal slices, Tara asked for 6 equal slices and Mike asked for 4 equal slices. If Jason ate 6 slices and Tara and Mike each ate 3 slices, who ate the most pizza? Who ate the least?



Most



Least

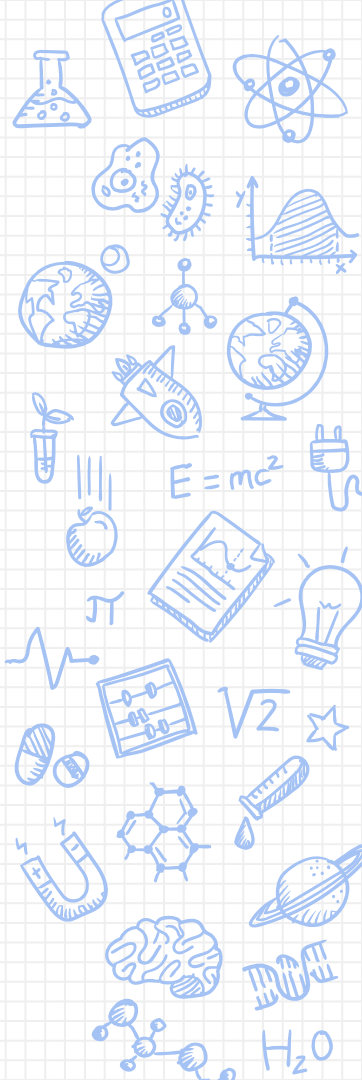


Most

$$J = \frac{6}{8}$$

$$T = \frac{3}{6}$$

$$M = \frac{3}{4}$$





Jason, Tara and Mike each earned the same amount of money. Jason saved  $\frac{5}{7}$ , Tara saved  $\frac{3}{4}$  and Mike saved  $\frac{2}{3}$  of what he earned. Who saved the most money? Who saved the least money?



Least

$$J = \frac{5}{7}$$

$$T = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$M = \frac{2}{3}$$

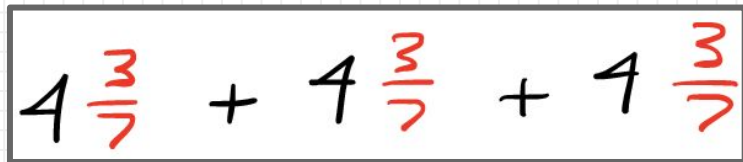
Denominator

$$\begin{array}{r} 60 \\ \hline 84 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 63 \\ \hline 84 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 56 \\ \hline 84 \end{array}$$

Numerator

$$\begin{array}{r} 30 \\ 42 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 30 \\ 40 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 30 \\ 45 \end{array}$$

An equilateral triangle has side lengths  $4\frac{3}{7}$  yards. What is the perimeter of the triangle?



$$12 + \frac{9}{7}$$

$$12 + 1\frac{2}{7}$$

$$= 13 \frac{2}{7} \text{ yds}$$

# Fun Examples (Grades 3-5)

## 4.NF4: Multiply whole number by fraction

If each gallon of fruit punch needs  $\frac{3}{4}$  cups of lemonade, how much lemonade is needed to make 4 gallons of fruit punch?

Gallon 1

C1



Gallon 2

C2



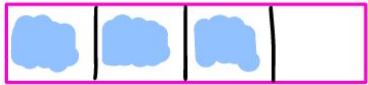
Gallon 3

C3



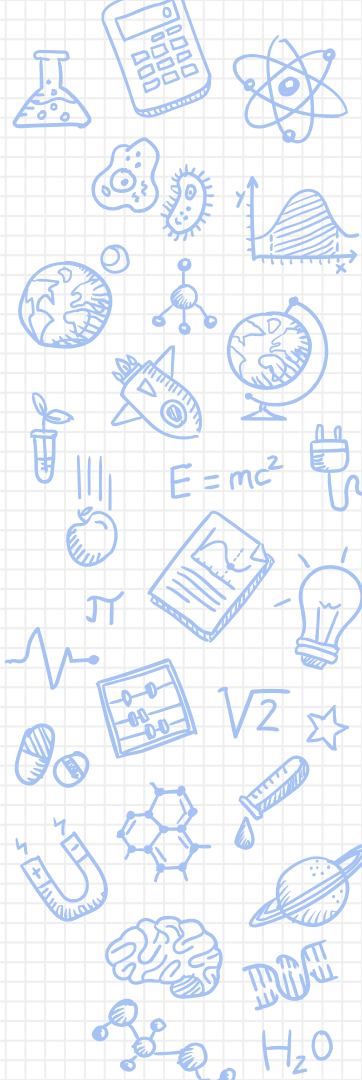
Gallon 4

C4



} 3 cups

$$\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{4}{1} = \frac{12}{4} = \textcircled{3}$$

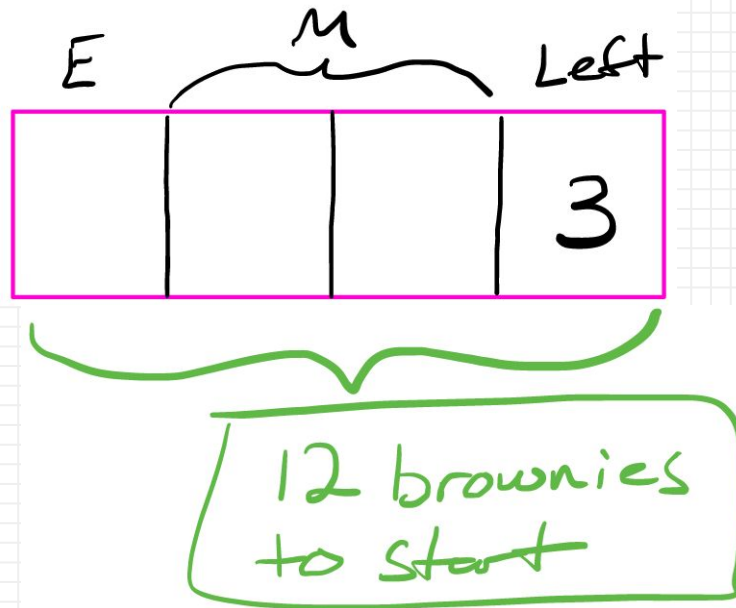


Tara ran 3.06 miles and Kim ran 2.5 miles. How far did they run altogether?

$$3\frac{6}{100} + 2\frac{5}{10}$$

$$3 \frac{6}{100} + 2 \frac{50}{100} = 5 \frac{56}{100} = \boxed{5.56}$$

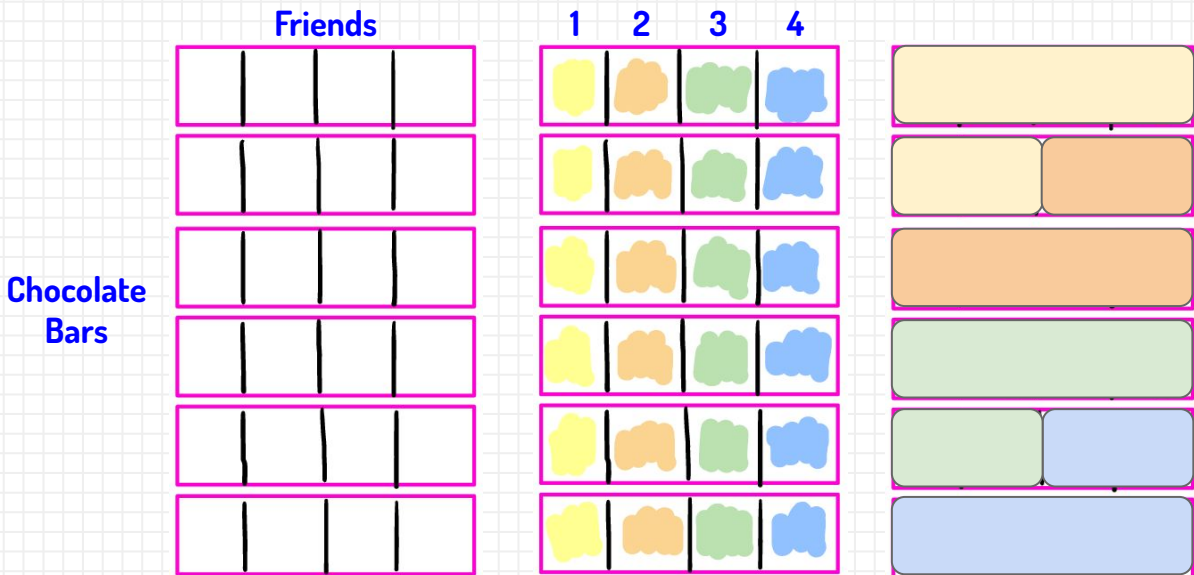
Mike made a tray of brownies for his daughters. Evie ate  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the brownies and Maggie ate  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the brownies. If there are 3 brownies left, how many brownies did Mike make?



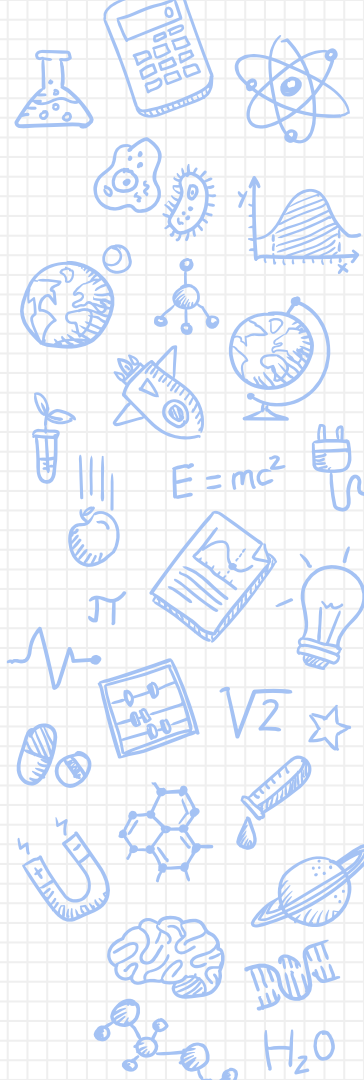
# Fun Examples (Grades 3-5)

## 5.NF.3: Divide whole number by whole number with fraction answer

Jason has 6 chocolate bars and he shares them equally with 3 friends. How many chocolate bars do each of the 4 students get?



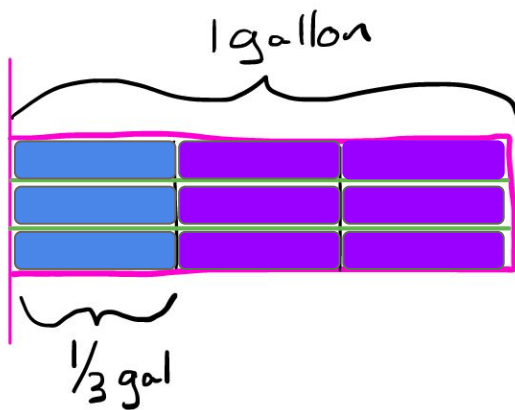
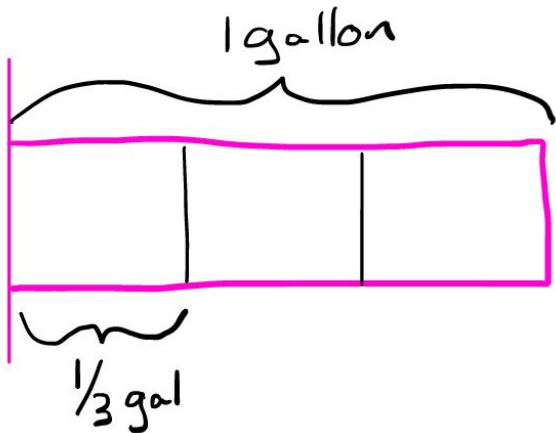
$$6 \div 4 = 6 \times \frac{1}{4} = \frac{6}{4} = 1\frac{1}{2}$$



# Fun Examples (Grades 3-5)

## 5.NF.7: Divide a Unit Fraction by Whole Number Partitive

Tara has  $\frac{1}{3}$  of a gallon of paint. She paints 3 walls and uses the same amount of paint on each wall. How many gallons of paint does she use on each wall?



$$\frac{1}{3} \div 3$$
$$\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} = \boxed{\frac{1}{9} \text{ gallons}}$$



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