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"The rich, open investigations we've developed allow children to engage in mathematizing in a variety of ways. We honor children's initial attempts at structuring and modeling their world mathematically, while at the same time supporting and challenging them to ensure that important big ideas and strategies are being developed progressively." -Catherine Twomey Fosnot Learn how to establish a vibrant, collaborative math workshop for students in grades 4 through 6 and how Catherine Fosnot and her colleagues introduce fractions and compare fractional amounts. Through 2 foundational books-Investigating Fractions, Decimals, and Percents: Overview and Field Trips and Fund-Raisers: Introducing Fractions-and eight online video clips, Cathy and her colleagues provide the strategies, lesson plans, and tools you'll need to transform your classroom into a community of young mathematicians. In the Overview book Cathy provides the professional understandings needed to establish a vibrant math workshop. After chronicling the motivations and ideals that inspire her work, Cathy describes how to help students construct the big ideas, strategies, and models that shape the landscape of learning. Ensuing sections describe the architecture of an investigation and explain how the predictability of this framework fosters independence and collaboration. In addition to describing the management systems that make these investigations rigorous and responsive, Cathy suggests ways to sequence instruction and highlight how units can be used to enhance your existing curriculum. Like the other units in the

Contexts for Learning Mathematics series, Field Trips and Fund-Raisers: Introducing Fractions provides a two-week sequence of investigations, minilessons, games, and other contexts for learning. The fair-sharing of submarine sandwiches on a school field trip provides the context for exploring big ideas related to fractions in this unit. In attempting to settle arguments about the fair distribution of sandwiches, students explore the connection between division and fractions as well as ways to compare fractional amounts. As the unit progresses, students use the double number line as a model and explore equivalent fractions. The nine accompanying video clips include live from-the-classroom video footage of the unit in action and narrated slide shows that describe the ideals that shape the math workshop and the thinking behind the Contexts for Learning Mathematics series. (Video clips are free for 6 months upon registration. You must register within 6 months of purchase.) Learn more about these resources and the series at www.contextsforlearning.com. This pack is part of firsthand's Getting Started series. Bridging the gap between educational theory and practice, firsthand classroom materials model the carefully crafted techniques and language of master teachers in ways that help teachers refine their practice and reinvent their own teaching. The most comprehensive of these resources span more than a year of instruction. Firsthand's Getting Started Packs were created for teachers in training and professional book study groups who want a compact, affordable way to study and tryout these transformative classroom materials. Each Getting Started Pack includes an overview book, a complete unit of study, online video clips provided free of charge for 6 months, and an accompanying study guide. Getting Started packs include: Launch a Primary Writing Workshop,

Grades K-2; Launch an Intermediate Writing Workshop, Grades 3-5; Launch an Intermediate Reading Workshop, Grades 3-5; Introduce the Qualities of Writing, Grades 3-6; Monitor Comprehension with Primary Students, Grades K-2; Monitor Comprehension with Intermediate Students, Grades 3-6; Investigate the Number System, Grades K-3; Investigate Multiplication, Grades 3-5; Investigate Fractions, Grades 4-6. "This resource supports new and experienced educators who want to prepare for and design purposeful number talks for their students; the author demonstrates how to develop grade-level-specific strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Includes connections to national standards, a DVD, reproducibles, bibliography, and index"--Provided by publisher. In *The Big Dinner* the preparation of a turkey dinner introduces early multiplication strategies and supports automatizing the facts, using the ratio table, and developing the distributive property with large numbers. *Strings of problems* guide learners toward computational fluency with whole-number multiplication and build automaticity with multiplication facts by focusing on relationships. *Farms and Fences* is a new first grade measurement unit in the *Contexts for Learning Mathematics* series. The mathematical focus of the unit is the development of linear measurement, including the shift from using non-standard units to the use of the standard foot and centimeters. The unit is designed to promote mathematical inquiry and to encourage young children to become excited about being a mathematician. A read-aloud for the development of the realistic contexts used for the inquiries is included in the Appendix. *Best Buys, Ratios, and Rates: Addition and Subtraction of Fractions* is one of five units in the *Contexts for Learning Mathematics'* Investigating Fractions, Decimals,

and Percents (4 - 6) The focus of this unit is the development of equivalence of fractions, proportional reasoning, and rates. It begins with a comparison of the cost of cat food at two stores: Bob's Best Buys where it is on sale, \$15 for 12 cans, and Maria's Pet Emporium where it is on sale, \$23 for 20 cans. Several important ideas and representations develop as students explore this problem, among them finding ways to determine the cost of a common numbers of cans for comparison and the use of the ratio table to represent their proportional reasoning about the context. The development of the ratio table is further supported in the next investigation as students work to determine the cost of several different amounts of bird seed sold by weight. As the unit progresses, proportional reasoning is once again the focus as students develop recipes for a variety of containers, using the recipe of Maria's gourmet puppy snack mix. In the second week the double number is introduced for computation as students investigate the readings on a farm truck's gas tank over the course of trips to several neighboring farms to pick up produce. A trip across the Pennsylvania Turnpike is also explored. This unit also includes several minilessons for addition and subtraction of fractions. Strings of related problems are used initially using money and clock models. Double number lines are introduced later in the unit to enable students to develop generalizable, strategies for addition and subtraction. This model supports students to choose a common multiple (or factor) to work with as well as further opportunities to explore equivalent fractions. Note: The context for this unit assumes that your students have had prior experience with fractions and their relationship to division with whole numbers. If this is not the case, you might find it helpful to first use the units Field Trips and Fund-Raisers. To learn more

visit <http://www.contextsforlearning.com> Measuring for the Art Show: Addition on the Open Number Line and Subtraction is one of eight units in the Contexts for Learning Mathematics' Investigating Number Sense, Addition, and Subtraction (K-3) The focus of this unit is the development of the open number line model within the context of measurement. As the unit progresses, the number line is used as a model for double-digit addition strategies. The unit begins with the story of a teacher who has offered to organize an art show of children's work as a school fund-raiser. The children have produced beautiful pieces of art and the teacher and several children set out to make signs to hang underneath each piece, listing the title of the piece, the artist's name, and the price. They want to measure each art piece very carefully so that the sign will be exactly the same length as the piece of art. But this huge pile of work is daunting. Thankfully, the students soon figure out a solution. They sort the art by size, measure each size, and make a blueprint-a pattern strip-that will be used for cutting all the signs. The story sets the context for a series of investigations in this unit. Children measure various sizes of art paper with connecting cubes and then place the measurements onto a long strip of adding machine paper, to be used as a blueprint or pattern for cutting the signs. As the unit progresses, lengths of fives and tens are introduced in place of the cubes and the blueprint is progressively developed into an open number line-a helpful model used as a tool to explore and represent strategies for double-digit addition. In contrast to a number line with counting numbers written below, an "open" number line is just an empty line used to record children's addition (and later subtraction) strategies. Only the numbers children use are recorded and the addition is recorded as leaps or

jumps. For example, if a child's strategy for adding $18 + 79$ is to keep 79 whole and decompose the 18 into smaller pieces, moving to a landmark number of 80 ($79 + 1 + 10 + 7$), it would be recorded on the open number line. Such representations help children move beyond tedious strategies like counting one by one to strategies such as taking leaps of ten, splitting, and using landmark numbers. Several minilessons for addition are also included in the unit. These are structured as strings of related problems designed to guide learners more explicitly toward computational fluency with double-digit addition. The unit culminates with an art show. Thus, as you progress through the unit, you may find it helpful to work with the art teacher in your school to collect pieces of student artwork. To learn more visit <http://www.contextsforlearning.com>

Assessment -- Contexts for Learning Mathematics series by Catherine Fosnot and colleagues from Mathematics in the City and the Freudenthal Institute uses carefully crafted math situations to foster a deep conceptual understanding of essential mathematical ideas, strategies, and models. "Building on their influential research into best practices in mathematics education, Catherine Twomey Fosnot and colleagues from Mathematics in the City and the Freudenthal Institute have organized their carefully crafted investigations into dynamic curriculum units called the Contexts for Learning Mathematics (CFLM) series."--Study guide. Talking about numbers - Connecting numbers, stories and facts - Numbers and operations - Collecting, representing and interpreting data - Investigating geometry with pictures and words - Sights and sounds of measurement - Seeing patterns and sharing algebraic ideas - Seeing and hearingng_____ Building learning around rich, instructionally sound contexts was an overarching goal during the

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- The numbers referenced represent landmark numbers or number relationships that are significant and telling.
- The models and metaphors within a context make relationships and strategies more tangible and explicit.

The contexts for the five units in Investigating Multiplication and Division (Grades 3 - 5) are established through 17 vibrant posters (15" x 24") that meld humor, intrigue, and good math sense. To learn more visit www.contextsforlearning.com

Explains how children between the ages of four and eight construct a deep understanding of numbers and the operations of addition and subtraction. Contexts for Learning consists of: Investigations and Resource Guides - workshop structure involves students in inquiring, investigating, discussing, and constructing mathematical solutions and strategies - investigations encourage emergent learning and highlight the developmental landmarks in mathematical thinking - strings of related problems develop students' deep number sense and expand their strategies for mental arithmetic Read-Aloud Books and Posters - create rich, imaginable contexts--realistic and fictional--for mathematics

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Multiplication and Division with the Array is one of five units in the Contexts for Learning Mathematics' Investigating Multiplication and Division (3 - 5) The focus of this unit is the development of the open array as a model for multiplication and division. This unit uses a series of investigations based on the context of Muffles' Truffles shop. The questions posed in the first investigation (how many boxes of ten can be made with a given quantity of truffles; how many leftovers will there be from a given quantity and how can they be combined to make assortment boxes; and what is the cost of a given quantity of truffles if they cost \$1 each) give students an opportunity to explore place value - the multiplicative structure of our base-ten system and quotative division. In the second and third investigations, students build two-dimensional blueprints of one-layer boxes and use these arrays to explore some of the big ideas in multiplication (the distributive, associative, and commutative properties). In the fourth and final investigation, students work with open arrays in the context of labeling and pricing wrapped boxes of truffles. To figure out the dimensions of the wrapped boxes (or open arrays) and the cost, students need to apply a number of big ideas previously developed in this unit. There are three different kinds of minilessons for multiplication included in the unit as well: counting around the circle, strings of related problems, and quick images. The count-around is used to support the development of place value as it relates to multiplication. The strings of related problems are explicitly designed to guide learners toward computational fluency with whole number multiplication and to build automaticity with multiplication facts by focusing on relationships. The quick images use 2×5 and 1×5 arrays as units to build larger arrays. In the

last days of the unit, more complex minilessons (double-digit multiplication problems) generate a wider range of student strategies that can be explored (and modeled) with the open array. To learn more visit <http://www.contextsforlearning.com> A Co-Publication of Routledge for the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) In recent years there has been increased interest in the nature and role of proof in mathematics education; with many mathematics educators advocating that proof should be a central part of the mathematics education of students at all grade levels. This important new collection provides that much-needed forum for mathematics educators to articulate a connected K-16 "story" of proof. Such a story includes understanding how the forms of proof, including the nature of argumentation and justification as well as what counts as proof, evolve chronologically and cognitively and how curricula and instruction can support the development of students' understanding of proof. Collectively these essays inform educators and researchers at different grade levels about the teaching and learning of proof at each level and, thus, help advance the design of further empirical and theoretical work in this area. By building and extending on existing research and by allowing a variety of voices from the field to be heard, *Teaching and Learning Proof Across the Grades* not only highlights the main ideas that have recently emerged on proof research, but also defines an agenda for future study. "This book begins by pushing back on the kind of rote routines that lack opportunities for reasoning (like the calendar) that teachers often use in early childhood and primary classrooms. Instead, the author offers innovations on old routines and some new routines that encourage reasoning, argumentation, and the development of important math ideas. She

focuses on using math routines in playful ways with your children. See chapter titles for the different routines featured in the book"-- Field Trips and Fund-Raisers: Introducing Fractions is one of five units in the Contexts for Learning Mathematics' Investigating Fractions, Decimals, and Percents (4 - 6) The focus of this unit is the development of fractions. It begins with the story of a class field trip. The class is split into four groups and each group is given submarine sandwiches to share for lunch. Upon returning from their trip, the students quarrel over whether some received more to eat than others. Note: This unit begins with the fair sharing of submarine sandwiches on a field trip. This context was field-tested by the Freudenthal Institute and the University of Wisconsin, under the direction of Thomas Romberg and Jan de Lange, in preparation for the writing of *Mathematics in Context: Some of the Parts* (van Galen, Wijers, Burrill, and Spence 1997) and it has been researched and written about extensively as it is used in this unit by Fosnot and Dolk (2002). This story sets the stage for a series of investigations. First, students investigate whether the situation in the story was fair - was the quarreling justified? - thereby exploring the connection between division and fractions, as well as ways to compare fractional amounts. As the unit progresses, students explore other cases to determine fair sharing and then make a ratio table to ensure fair sharing during their future field trips. They also design a 60k bike course for a fund-raiser, a context that introduces a bar model for fractions and provides students with another opportunity to explore equivalent fractions. Several minilessons for division of whole numbers using simplified equivalents are also included in the unit. These are structured using strings of related problems as a way to more explicitly guide learners toward

computational fluency with whole number division and to build a connection to equivalent fractions. Note: The context for this unit assumes that your students have had prior experience with arrays for multiplication and division, as well as partitive and quotative division with whole numbers. If this is not the case, you might find it helpful to first use The Teachers' Lounge and Minilessons Throughout the Year: Multiplication and Division from Investigations in Multiplication and Division: Grades 3 - 5. To learn more visit

<http://www.contextsforlearning.com> Rhoda, a Rhode Island Red hen, frantically tries to keep track of her five chicks as a hungry fox lurks in the barnyard. As the chicks group and regroup themselves, the stage is set for some fabulous mathematics for young children. Are You All Here? is accompanied by a kindergarten unit Rhoda Red and Loretta Longhorn: Working with Fives and Tens and is part of the Contexts for Learning Mathematics series used by many elementary schools around the world. The Double Decker Bus: Early Addition and Subtraction is one of eight units in the Contexts for Learning Mathematics' Investigating Number Sense, Addition, and Subtraction (K-3) This unit begins with the story of a double-decker bus-a bus that has two decks with ten seats on each. Five seats on each deck are red and five seats are white. The bus goes by quickly and the little girl in the story, sitting at her bedroom window and watching, works out ways to use the colors of the seats to calculate quickly how many people are on the bus. Her father drives a double-decker bus and she helps him figure out a way to know how many empty seats there are on the top deck even though he can't see them. The unit introduces the arithmetic rack as a powerful model and tool to act out the story. The arithmetic

rack is a calculating frame consisting of two rows of ten beads-two sets of five (one red and one white) in each row. (Instructions for creating or buying your own arithmetic racks are included.) Cognitive psychologists, such as Susan Carey and Stanislas Dehaene (1999), have shown that even toddlers can recognize small amounts, such as two or three, as a unit and that this ability (known as "subitizing") is probably innate. Children can even do addition and subtraction with amounts of this size because they use this innate perceptual ability to see that three is one more than two. Using the arithmetic rack allows kindergarteners and first graders to build on their natural ability and see five as a unit. When five can be subitized as a whole, it can be used to support understanding of 6 as $5 + 1$, 8 as $5 + 3$, or 4 as $5 - 1$. The arithmetic rack also supports the strategies of doubles and near doubles, $6 + 7 = 6 + 6 + 1$, and making tens, $9 + 6 = 10 + 5$. In this unit, children move the beads on the arithmetic rack to represent passengers going from one deck on the bus to the other, and sitting in various combinations in the red and white seats. This context supports the development of the understanding that numbers can be named in many ways, for example 10 as $6 + 4$, $7 + 3$, or $5 + 5$. The unit also includes minilessons with quick images, and strings of related addition and subtraction problems solved with the arithmetic rack to help automatize the basic facts. Several games-*Passenger Pairs*, *Rack Pairs*, and *Passenger Combos*-are also included in this unit. They can be played throughout the year as a way for children to extend composing and decomposing strategies as they establish equivalence-for example, representing 7 as $5 + 2$, $3 + 4$, or $1 + 6$ (Treffers, 1991). To learn more visit <http://www.contextsforlearning.com> Designed for workshop participants and preservice teachers,

the Taking Inventory CD-ROM offers users a multi-media learning environment for professional development on topics ranging from instruction to assessment, that stimulates action, reflection, and discussion with dynamic video clips, childrens work samples, and interviews with students and teachers. This kindergarten unit in the Contexts for Learning Mathematics series introduces the 5- and 10-bead Mathracks(TM). The unit builds on children's innate ability to subitize small amounts (1, 2, and 3) and uses it to develop the five-structure, eventually supporting children to see 5 inside of 7, and 5 inside of 8, for example. In the second week of the unit the 10-structure is developed, first as $5+5$, and then relationships between equivalent facts are explored and developed using compensation and associativity, for example, $3+7=4+6=5+5$. "The rich, open investigations we've developed allow children to engage in mathematizing in a variety of ways. We honor children's initial attempts at structuring and modeling their world mathematically, while at the same time supporting and challenging them to ensure that important big ideas and strategies are being developed progressively." -Catherine Twomey Fosnot Learn how to establish a vibrant, collaborative math workshop for students in grades 3 through 5 and how Catherine Fosnot and her colleagues introduce early multiplication strategies and show students how to work with the ratio table and the distributive property. Through 2 foundational books- Investigating Multiplication and Division: Overview and The Big Dinner: Multiplication with the Ratio Table -and nine online video clips, Cathy and her colleagues provide the strategies, lesson plans, and tools you'll need to transform your classroom into a community of young mathematicians. In the Overview book Cathy provides the professional understandings needed to

establish a vibrant math workshop. After chronicling the motivations and ideals that inspire her work, Cathy describes how to help students construct the big ideas, strategies, and models that shape the landscape of learning. Ensuing sections describe the architecture of an investigation and explain how the predictability of this framework fosters independence and collaboration. In addition to describing the management systems that make these investigations rigorous and responsive, Cathy suggests ways to sequence instruction and highlight how units can be used to enhance your existing curriculum. Like the other units in the Contexts for Learning Mathematics series, *The Big Dinner: Multiplication with the Ratio Table* provides a two-week sequence of investigations, minilessons, games, and other contexts for learning. In this unit the preparation of a turkey dinner introduces early multiplication strategies and supports automatizing the facts, using the ratio table, and developing the distributive property with large numbers. Strings of problems guide learners toward computational fluency with whole-number multiplication and build automaticity with multiplication facts by focusing on relationships. The nine accompanying video clips include live from-the-classroom video footage of the unit in action and narrated slide shows that describe the ideals that shape the math workshop and the thinking behind the Contexts for Learning Mathematics series. (Video clips are free for 6 months upon registration. You must register within 6 months of purchase.) Learn more about these resources and the series at www.contextsforlearning.com. This pack is part of firsthand's Getting Started series. Bridging the gap between educational theory and practice, firsthand classroom materials model the carefully crafted techniques and language of master teachers in ways that help teachers refine

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to count, buildings to measure, and shapes on houses to sort, this 24-page book helps kids see math all around them. **Bringing Math To Life:** Part of the Math on My Path series, the fun book helps kindergarteners through 2nd graders think like math detectives as they explore familiar places for basic math concepts, including addition, subtraction, geometry, and more. **Build Math And Reading Skills:** As your child improves their number sense, this kids' book also helps your child learn essential reading comprehension skills with guided pre- and post-reading questions, reading tips, and post-reading activities. **Leveled Books:** Engaging, real-life photos and a photo glossary accompanied by simple, easy-to-read leveled text work together to engage your child in the story at a level they understand. **Why Rourke Educational Media:** Since 1980, Rourke Publishing Company has specialized in publishing engaging and diverse non-fiction and fiction books for children in a wide range of subjects that support reading success on a level that has no limits. **Games for Early Number Sense** is one of three yearlong resource guides in **Contexts for Learning Mathematics'** Investigating Number Sense, Addition, and Subtraction (K - 3) **Games for Early Number Sense** contains 24 games that you can choose from as you consider the needs of your students. The unit includes notes for each game describing the mathematical landscape - the possibilities and openings for learning that can occur as children play. Sample dialogues are interspersed throughout to help you anticipate what learners might say and do and to provide you with images of teachers and children at work. The games foster the development of early number sense and addition, including the basic facts, and are appropriate for K - 1. To learn more visit <http://www.contextsforlearning.com> **Building Benches and Measuring Tools** is a new third grade

unit in the Contexts for Learning Mathematics series. The mathematical focus of the unit is the early development of fractions, using a measurement context. The unit also promotes the development of the double number line model. Building Benches and Measuring Tools is designed to promote mathematical inquiry and to encourage children to become excited about being a mathematician. A read-aloud for the development of the realistic contexts used for the inquiries is included in the Appendix. Rhoda Red and Loretta Leghorn, two mother hens, frantically try to keep track of their two broods, five red chicks and five white chicks: ten chicks all together. A hungry fox lurks in the barnyard--is the gang all here? As the chicks group and regroup themselves, the stage is set for some fabulous mathematics for young children. Just as athletes stretch their muscles before every game and musicians play scales to keep their technique in tune, mathematical thinkers and problem solvers can benefit from daily warm-up exercises. Jessica Shumway has developed a series of routines designed to help young students internalize and deepen their facility with numbers. The daily use of these quick five-, ten-, or fifteen-minute experiences at the beginning of math class will help build students' number sense. Students with strong number sense understand numbers, ways to represent numbers, relationships among numbers, and number systems. They make reasonable estimates, compute fluently, use reasoning strategies (e.g., relate operations, such as addition and subtraction, to each other), and use visual models based on their number sense to solve problems. Students who never develop strong number sense will struggle with nearly all mathematical strands, from measurement and geometry to data and equations. In Number Sense Routines, Jessica shows that

number sense can be taught to all students. Dozens of classroom examples -- including conversations among students engaging in number sense routines -- illustrate how the routines work, how children's number sense develops, and how to implement responsive routines. Additionally, teachers will gain a deeper understanding of the underlying math -- the big ideas, skills, and strategies children learn as they develop numerical literacy. The Box Factory: Extending Multiplication with the Array is one of five units in the Contexts for Learning Mathematics' Investigating Multiplication and Division (3 - 5) The focus of this unit is the deepening and extending of students' understanding of multiplication, specifically the associative and commutative properties and their use with computation, systematic factoring, and the extension of students' understanding of two-dimensional rectangular arrays to three-dimensional arrays within rectangular prisms. The unit includes a series of investigations based on the context of a cardboard box factory. Initially students design a variety of boxes (rectangular prisms) that hold 24 items arranged in rows, columns, and layers. The questions posed in the first investigation (how many box arrangements are possible, and how do we know for certain that we have found all the possibilities) give students an opportunity to explore the associative and commutative properties, factor pairs, doubling and halving strategies, and systematic ways of organizing their work to determine all possible cases. In the second and third investigations, students analyze the amount and cost of the cardboard needed for their boxes, deepening their understanding of the associative property, examining congruency vs. equivalency, and exploring the relationship of surface area to the shape of the box. Subsequent investigations involve using

two different cubic boxes as units of measurement, and determining the volume of a shipping box that measures 4 feet by 6 feet by 4 feet. By the end of the unit, formulas for surface area and volume of rectangular prisms are the focus. Several minilessons for multiplication are included in the unit as well - these are structures as strings of related problems explicitly designed to guide learners toward computational fluency with whole-number multiplication, by focusing on factors and efficient grouping. To learn more visit <http://www.contextsforlearning.com> "Contexts for Learning Mathematics" series is designed to support a conceptual understanding of essential mathematical ideas, strategies and models. Each unit provides a two-week sequence of investigation, minilessons, games, and other contexts for learning. The series' 18 classroom-tested units are organized into grade-appropriate levels. In recent years, a consensus has emerged around a constructivist vision for mathematics education, but few have seriously considered how to realise this vision. Employing case studies, the authors provide images of what is possible with this new mathematics pedagogy. *Reconstructing Mathematics Education* contains the experiences of teachers who, guided by evolving constructivist understandings of mathematics learning, work to bring the vision to life in their day-to-day practice. "I continue to be amazed at the power we can harness in our secondary students by teaching ourselves and our students real numeracy." --Pamela Harris As secondary math teachers, we're often frustrated by the lack of true number sense in our students. Solid research at the elementary level shows how to help all students become mathematically proficient by redefining what it means to compute with number sense. Pam Harris has spent the past ten years scrutinizing the research and using the resulting

reform materials with teachers and students, seeing what works and what doesn't work, always with an eye to success in higher math. This book brings these insights to the secondary world, with an emphasis on one powerful goal: building numeracy. Developing numeracy in today's middle and high school students is reflective of the Common Core State Standards mission to build "the skills that our young people need for success in college and careers." (CCSS 2010) Numeracy is more than the ability to do basic arithmetic. At its heart, numeracy is the ability to use mathematical relationships to reason with numbers and numerical concepts, to think through the math logically, to have a repertoire of strategies to solve problems, and to be able to apply the logic outside of classrooms. How can we build powerful numeracy in middle and secondary students? Harris's approach emphasizes two big ideas: Teach the importance of representation. The representation of student strategies on models such as the open number line, the open array, and the ratio table promote discussion on relationships rather than procedures. Teach with problem strings. Introduced by Catherine Twomey Fosnot and her colleagues in the Young Mathematicians at Work series, problem strings are purposefully designed sequences of related problems that help students construct numerical relationships. They encourage students to look to the numbers first before choosing a strategy, nudging them toward efficient, sophisticated strategies for computation. Understanding numerical relationships gives students the freedom to choose a strategy, rather than being stuck with only one way to solve a problem. Using the strings and activities in this book can empower your students to reason through problems and seek to find clever solutions. They'll become more naturally inclined to use the strategies that

make sense to them. Students become engaged, willing to think, and more confident in their justifications. When we give secondary students this numerical power, we also help them learn higher mathematics with more confidence and more success. Trades, Jumps, and Stops: Early Algebra is one of eight units in the Contexts for Learning Mathematics' Investigating Number Sense, Addition, and Subtraction (K - 3) The story The Masloppy Family Goes to New York City sets the stage in this unit for a series of investigations to develop several big ideas and strategies important in the algebra strand. Seven-year-old Nicholas Masloppy (fondly known as the Organizer) and his brother and sisters are all waiting for the very special night when the family's big piggy bank will be opened. The family has been saving for a long time and now the bank is full. They are hoping to have enough money to go to New York City, where they will ride the subway to the Empire State Building, take a boat ride around the city, and visit the American Museum of Natural History. When the bank is opened, Nicholas's task is to organize the money into three equivalent piles for the three excursions. The piggy bank context is developed in the story and then used in the unit as an important model for exchange and equivalence. The coins in the bank cannot be distributed into three piles evenly because not all of the coins are in multiples of three. Children need to redistribute and exchange coins in order to make three equivalent amounts. As the unit progresses, the piggy bank context is used to introduce and analyze equations and to develop strategies for simplifying them, such as using the associative and commutative properties, "canceling," and substituting. Variables are introduced with the additional context of foreign coins of unknown denominations. As the unit progresses,

the context of subway stops at which numbers of passengers board and detrain is used to explore net change and functions. Equivalent expressions are generated as ways to describe the changes and children work to develop convincing proofs that they have found all the possible ways. Several minilessons for algebra are also included in the unit. These are structured initially as a game of "twenty questions" to determine the denominations of hidden coins totaling 50 cents and later as strings of related problems. Initially the focus of the minilessons is on equivalent trades and writing mathematical statements using the relational signs $+$, $-$, and $=$. As the unit progresses, the minilessons support the development of an understanding of the commutative and associative properties of addition, and of strategies for simplifying equations and solving for unknowns (focusing on strategies such as "canceling," substituting using equivalence, and undoing.) To learn more visit <http://www.contextsforlearning.com> "In Organizing and Collecting the hopelessly disorganized Masloppy family's efforts to keep track of their things create a context for investigating place value patterns and efficient ways to count with five- and ten-structures. As the unit progresses, children develop place value and addition strategies." -- Publisher. Designed for the workshop participant or preservice teacher, this CD-ROM enables you to watch and interact with video that depicts classroom teachers as they listen to, question, and interpret students' thinking. Questioning has become one of the biggest challenges of teachers everywhere as they rise to the challenge of transforming their classrooms into communities of mathematicians. The CCSS Standards of Mathematical Practice require that children engage in problem solving with tenacity and confidence, use models as tools for thinking, and read and

write viable arguments. This mandate demands that teachers foster a climate conducive to the generating of mathematics rather than the explanation of it. This book sets the bar for providing suggestions on how to question and confer--how to teach and mentor young mathematicians in elementary classrooms. Written by a leading author in the field, the book describes characteristics of powerful conferrals, and shows how to make the moments matter.

Developmental frameworks, ways of assessing in the moment, and tips on how to help children get started and overcome math anxiety are all described as well as several example conferrals. Video clips of the author and several exemplary teachers conferring with students are provided throughout as illustrations. Minilessons for Extending Addition and Subtraction is one of three yearlong resource guides in Contexts for Learning Mathematics' Investigating Number Sense, Addition, and Subtraction (K - 3) Minilessons for Extending Addition and Subtraction can be helpful in grades 2 - 3 as you work with addition and subtraction beyond the basic facts. These minilessons are crafted with computation problems that, when placed together, are likely to generate discussion of certain strategies or big ideas that are landmarks on the landscape of learning for addition and subtraction, particularly with two and three digits. The guide contains approximately 75 minilessons, structured as strings of related problems. Although the emphasis is on the development of mental arithmetic strategies, this does not mean learners have to solve the problems in their heads - but it is important for them to do the problem with their heads! In other words, as you use this guide, encourage students to examine the numbers in each problem and think about clever, efficient ways to solve it. The relationships between the problems in the

minilesson will support them in doing this. The open number line is used throughout to represent student strategies. To learn more visit <http://www.contextsforlearning.com> Mathematics education in the schools today often looks quite different to parents than what they remember from their past schooling. Emphasis has shifted away from pencil/paper arithmetic and drill, to mental arithmetic and a deep understanding of number and operation as a foundation for algebra. As a result of new standards, children today are expected to write mathematical arguments, choose appropriate models, analyze patterns, and solve problems. Some parents may be skeptical of the changes and create difficulties for schools trying to reform. Pressure from these parents who are upset may lead a school to abandon reform efforts to meet the new standards. Other parents are supportive of the changes but often feel inadequately prepared to help their children at home. Many even suffer from math anxiety. This book is designed to provide information to parents about the changes and why they have come about. Secondly, it provides much information about what parents can do at home to help their children be successful, including a section on mental computation and its importance in today's world dominated by handheld digital devices. The book and related DVD can also be beneficial to the home schooling market.

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