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ABSTRACT

The materials and ideas in this document are intended to be used by teachers in schools in order to bring adults and children together to experience good mathematics. It features an evening of hands-on mathematics scheduled for one night a week for four weeks. Students and adults come together to share mathematics activities, solve problems, and have fun with mathematics. The activities are intended for intermediate level students. Sessions include measurement and geometry, number concepts and problem solving, estimation and calculators, and data collections and probability. Descriptions of each session and a list of materials are presented. The description of each session includes directions for preparations to be done prior to the event, guidelines on how to present each activity, and solutions to some of the explorations. Hard copies of all worksheets, overhead transparency masters, and graphics mats are included. (ASK)

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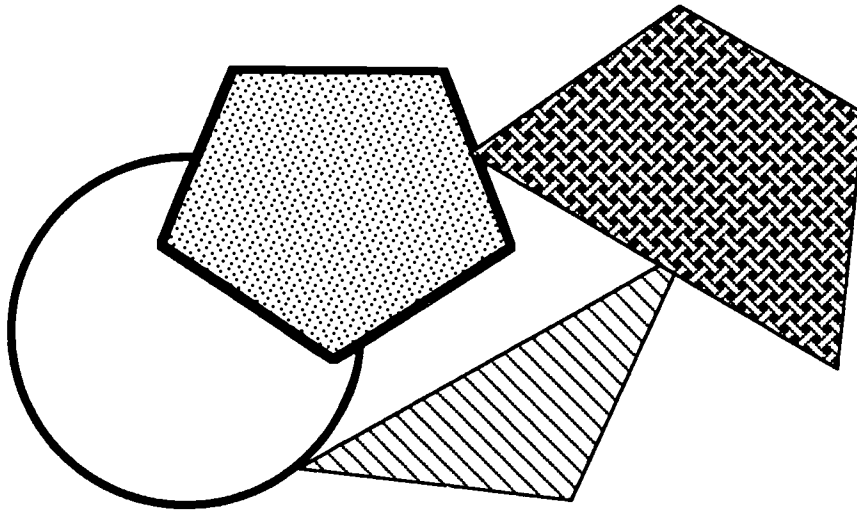
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# OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM

# **Math Olympics 2000/2002**

## **Evening of Community Math Fun for Adults and Children**

### **At the Intermediate Level**

**Purpose:** The materials and ideas included in “Math Olympics 2000/2002” are intended to be used by teachers in schools throughout the world in order to bring adults and children together to experience good mathematics.

**Description:** This is an evening of hands-on mathematics scheduled one night a week for four weeks. Students and adults come together to share math activities, solve problems, and have fun with mathematics. The four-week program is based on the Olympics 2000 and 2002. It is designed to help develop interest in, and comfort with, higher-level thinking in mathematics for both students and adults.

**Group Description:** Ideally the group is made up of between 20 and 30 sets of adults and children from one or two grade levels. The activities included in this packet are intended for **intermediate** students. It is easier to work with students of the same approximate level than to mix primary and intermediate students in these sessions.

**Timeline:** One session per week for four consecutive weeks. Each session is one and one-half hours in length.

Session 1 - Measurement and Geometry

Session 2 - Number Concepts and Problem Solving

Session 3 - Estimation and Calculators

Session 4 - Data Collection and Probability

**General Agenda:** Each night will follow the same basic structure with adaptations as necessary, depending on the topic:

Warm Ups - As adults and children arrive, they put on name tags and work through four different stations of hands-on activities.

Activities - Led by the teacher leaders, adults and children work together on a variety of activities related to the math strand theme for the night. Most activities are hands-on and centered around adults and children working together to arrive at a solution.

Closure - As the evening comes to a close, the leader guides the participants through a review the Warm-Ups from the beginning of the evening,

awards the prize(s) for the closest estimate of Estimation Jar contents, assigns the homework for both the adults and the children for the week, and encourages them to come back for more fun next week.

**Follow-Up Packets for Home Use:** Each week participants receive a packet of activities related to the math strand theme of the session that they can use during the week to continue their fun and their investigation of mathematics.

**Materials:** The description of each session includes a list of the materials needed for use by the participants. Most of these materials are readily available in elementary schools. Hard copies of all worksheets, overhead transparency masters, or graphics mats are included in this packet for use during weekly sessions.

**Description of Activities and Preparations:** The description of each session includes directions for preparations to be done prior to the event as well as guidelines on how to present each activity, and solutions to some of the explorations.

# SESSION ONE

## Measurement And Geometry

# **Math Olympics 2000/2002 - Session 1**

## **Topic: Measurement and Geometry**

### **Warm Ups**

- Nametags
- Estimation Jar
- Line Plot - Favorite Olympic Event
- Polygon Olympic Challenge
- Parent and Student Survey

### **Introductions**

- Welcome and Introduction of Leaders
- What is Math Olympics 2000/2002
- Stories with Holes

### **Activities**

- Geoboard Olympic Challenge
- Create a Space for Millie, the Mascot
- Patterns and Symmetry for the Floor Exercises

### **Homework**

- Pentominoes for the Pentathlon

### **Closure**

- Review of warm ups, hand out prize(s) for estimation jar
- Incentives to return
- Hand out and review packet for home

**Math Olympics 2000/2002 - Session 1**  
**Topic: Measurement and Geometry**  
**(Intermediate Grades)**

**Description of Activities and**  
**Preparation for Session Events**

**Set Up of Room**

The room in which you hold Math Olympics 2000/2002 should be large: the cafeteria, the media center or library, or an open area. You will need tables centered before an overhead projector at which participants sit during the main activities of the sessions. You will also need tables around the outskirts of the room for the Warm-Up activities at the beginning of the evening. You will want a table for the Nametags near the door. You may also want a refreshment table if you plan to break halfway through the night for refreshments.

You may want to place baskets or boxes on each table that hold the materials needed for the main activities of the evening. Think about how best to organize your materials to eliminate “down-time” while waiting to dispense supplies.

**Warm Ups**

*(The Warm Ups take longer the first night  
as participants get accustomed to the routine.)*

**Nametags**

Make or purchase nametags for each week so that everyone participating (leaders, children, and adults) has his or her name visible for others to see.

Make a sign for the Nametag Table that encourages people to sign in each week. Make a Sign-In Sheet, if desired, to keep track of who attends.

As the adults and children arrive the first night, have one leader greet them and point them toward the Nametag Table. Have colored markers available for the participants to write their names on the nametags.



After they sign in, encourage families to move to the other centers to begin exploring the warm-up activities.

### Estimation Jar

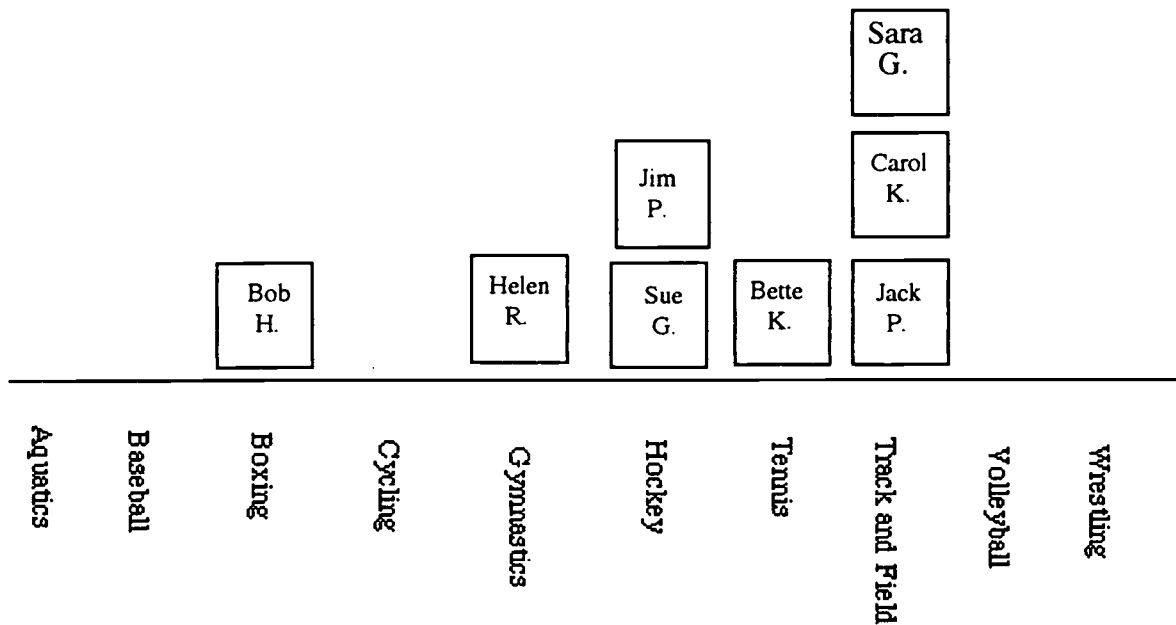
Each week fill the estimation jar (a quart mayonnaise jar or larger) with one kind of item (small dog biscuits, superballs, jar breakers, Hershey Kisses, etc.) Count the items prior to the night of the event, write the number of items in the jar on a piece of paper and tape it to the inside of the lid of the jar.

Make a sign for the “Estimation Jar” to be used each week at a warm-up center.

Each week participants are to record their estimates of how many of the item chosen for that week are in the jar.

Place pencils and pieces of paper near the jar on which participants can write their estimates and name. Place a basket near the jar in which participants can place their estimates.

### Line Plot - Favorite Olympic Event



Make a line plot that includes between eight and ten of the events that will be part of the Olympics 2000. (A list of the events is included.) A sample line plot with a few participant responses already in place is pictured at the beginning of this section.

Provide sticky notes and markers so that each participant can record his or her name on a sticky note and place it above the event that is his or her favorite.

### **Polygon Olympic Challenge**

Supply lots of toothpicks or stick pretzels, paper, and glue or tape for the following activity. Run copies of the “Polygon Olympic Challenge” activity sheet and place it with the supplies at this warm-up center. Make an overhead of the enlarged version for use with whole group discussion.

Make a sign “Polygon Olympic Challenge” to place at the center. If desired, make a sign that explains the activity.

Allow time for participants to try several of the challenges.

### **Adult and Student Survey**

Run enough copies of the Adult survey and the student survey. Have participants fill them out as part of the warm-up session on the first night.

Make a sign “Adult and Student Survey Center.” Place a basket near the sign for participants to turn in their surveys upon completion.

## **Introductions**

### **Welcome and Introduction of Leaders**

Gather your participants to the tables centered in front of the overhead projector. Welcome them with “Olympic” enthusiasm and introduce all leaders involved in the program.

### **What is Math Olympics 2000/2002**

Explain that the mathematical challenges they will experience over the next four weeks are framed around the Olympics 2000 and 2002. Also explain

that the purpose of this next four weeks is to give participants an opportunity to experience mathematics in a hands-on, fun way. Explain that they will be applying their mathematical understanding to solve problems, create designs, and realize just how much mathematics is a part of our everyday lives.

### **Stories with Holes**

Explain that mathematics doesn't always look like math. Sometimes there are no numbers, no basic operations. Sometimes it is filled with logic and problem solving.

One of the problem-solving strategies that students are taught in mathematics is to change your point of view. Encourage participants to apply this strategy as they listen to the 'Stories with Holes' and try to solve them.

Read the "Stories with Holes" one at a time. Ask participants what they think is happening. If their answer is incorrect, say "Good idea but that's not it!" Encourage them to change their point of view and seek another solution. Allow think time and discussion. Use as many stories as their time allows.

## **Activities**

### **Geoboard Olympic Challenge**

This activity provides a review of some of the concepts and vocabulary of geometry that will be used throughout the rest of the session.

Provide enough geoboards and geobands for all participants to use during this activity. Display an overhead of the "Geoboard Olympic Challenge" focusing on one of the Events listed. Allow time for participants to explore that event. Encourage participants to hold up their geoboard to share their solutions to that event. Encourage them to explain how they arrived at their solution. Try another event. With each event attempted, increase the difficulty level. Complete as many events as time allows.

### **Create A Space for Millie, the Mascot**

There are three official mascots of the Olympics 2000: Olly, Syd, and Millie. Fact sheets about the three mascots are included in this packet. Millie is an echidna which is widely found around Australia. It is often known as a spiny anteater with a well-developed brain that shows strong signs of high intelligence.

As a mascot, Millie is said to be “a techno-whiz and information guru. She is a storehouse of information with all the facts and figures at her fingertips.”

Make an overhead of the pictures of the three mascot enclosed in your packet. Introduce all three mascots to your participants. Explain that in order for Millie to keep on top of all the stats at the Olympics, she needs to get away from Olly and Syd. -- They distract her!

Using the “Millie’s Space” overhead transparency, explain that Millie have purchased 540 cm of fencing to close off an area at Olympic Village. She plans to put her computer table, which is 60 cm by 30 cm, and her favorite chair, which is 30 cm by 30 cm, inside this area. She also needs room to pace back and forth because she thinks better that way. Explain that they will use centimeter graph paper to help them design the best layout of Millie’s space.

Tell them that one centimeter on the paper equals ten centimeters in Millie’s space. Encourage them to experiment with a variety of layouts to figure out which one is best for Millie.

Allow participants to share their solutions and explain why theirs is the best design for Millie.

### **Patterns and Symmetry for the Floor Exercises**

The Floor Exercise in the Gymnastic competition is a beautiful event. The Olympic Committee has decided to hold a contest to find a design to put on the mat on which this event takes place. (Note: The real Olympics Committee is NOT holding this contest - this is an activity for our Math Olympics only.)

Explain that they have the opportunity to create a design based on the criteria listed on the Contest Sheet. Review the criteria using the overhead

transparency of the Contest Sheet, distribute pattern blocks, paper, crayons or markers, and rulers for participants use to complete this activity.

Allow time for participants to share their designs with the group.

## **Homework**

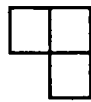
Explain to the participants that they will take home a packet of activities each of the first three weeks of the Program. They will be asked to do at least one of the activities included. Decide which one you most want them to do or assign all of them, if you wish. Ask them to bring back at least one of them the following week to share with the group.

One of this week's homework assignments needs some introduction. Share the following activity with the group to prepare them to work with pentominoes at home.

### **Pentominoes for the Pentathlon**

Explain that the Olympic Committee has decided to use the Pentomino as a symbol of the Pentathlon.

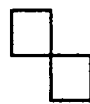
Explain that in order to make a pentomino, you must use five squares. Also explain that when placing the squares next to each other, the whole side of one square has to line up with the whole side of the next square. They may not line up with half a side touching or just vertices touching.



YES



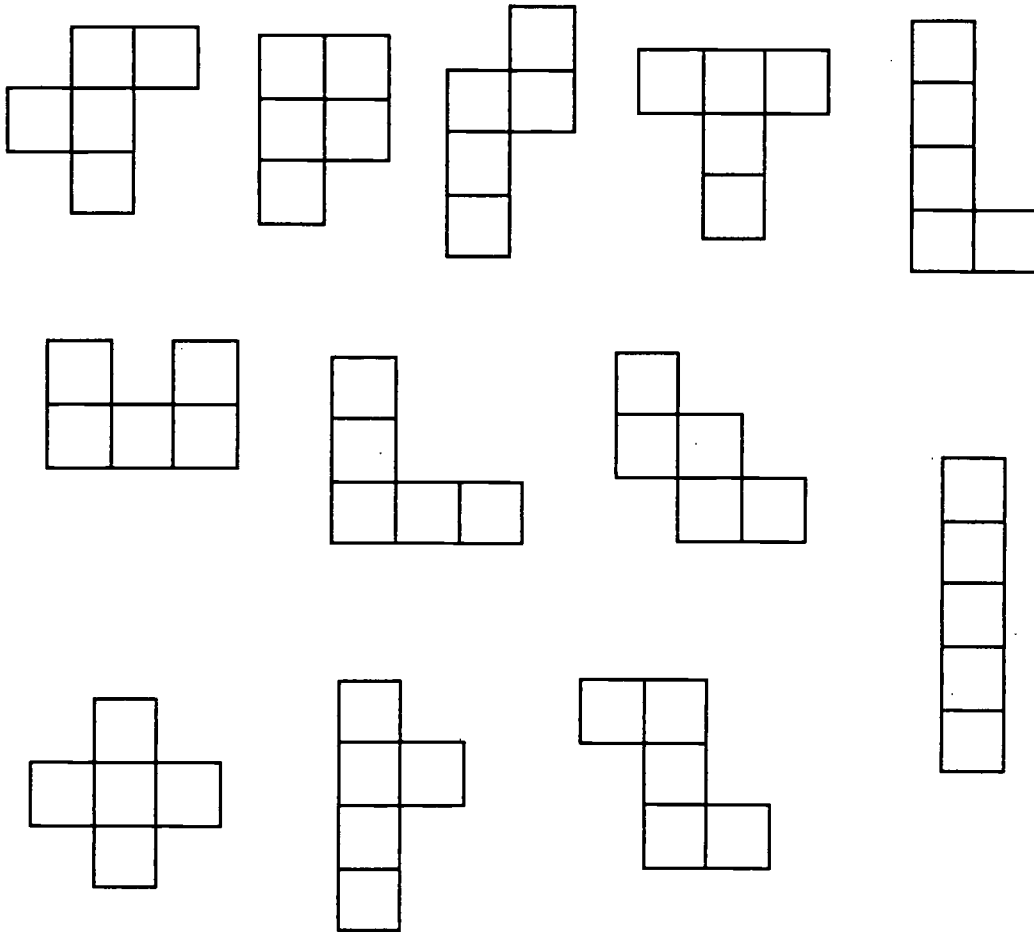
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NO

Explain that their task is to make as many different pentominoes as they can using five squares of paper. Work as a group to find one pentomino. Explain that they should record their pentominoes on the Inch Grid Paper that is in their homework packet. Explain that you have included two sheets of grid paper for their use on this task. Remind them that each pentomino must be different from all the rest. Ask them to predict how many different ones there are. (There are twelve different pentominoes - *but don't tell them !!*) Instruct the participants to bring their inch grid paper back next week and be ready to share the solutions they found.

## Twelve Pentominoes



## Closure

Review each of the warm ups.

**Line Plot:** Talk about the Line Plot of Favorite Olympic Events. Which was the most popular one? Which the least? Did any get the same number of votes? How do you know?

**Polygon Olympic Challenge:** Allow participants to share some of the polygons they made. Did any participants follow the same directions and get different polygons? How could that be? How many solutions might there be for some of the challenges?

**Estimation Jar:** (During the evening have one leader sort through the estimation responses and select the best one or two estimates.) Talk about strategies the participants used to arrive at their estimates. Announce the winner of the Estimation Jar contest and give them a prize ( I Love Math button, math pencil, etc.) Remind participants that the Estimation Jar will be a part of each session during the Math Olympics 2000/2002.

**Incentives to Return:** Ask if the participants have enjoyed the evening. Talk about some of the topics you will explore in the next week or two. Encourage them to return for more fun next week.

**Distribute Packets:** Distribute the packets to each student/adult pair reminding them that the homework assignment and the inch grid paper that they need for the homework are included in the packet. Explain that some of the activities that they experienced tonight are also in the packet so they can revisit them during the week. In addition, there are several new activities for them to explore. Review the contents and answer any questions they may have.

**Packet Contents:**

- Pentominoes for the Pentathlon
- Inch Grid Paper – 2 sheets
- Tangram Olympic Events
- Tangram Master
- Pattern Block Events
- Pattern Block Masters
- Shapes and Solids Scavenger Hunt
- Polygon Olympic Challenge
- Stories with Holes

# **THINGS TO DO BEFORE SESSION ONE**

## **Communication to Families of Students**

Copy and send out letter announcing the Math Olympics 2000/2002 Program through which families register both students and adults.

Shortly before your program begins, copy and send out the “reminder” letter to all participants included in the program.

## **Supplies to Gather or Purchase**

overhead projector

nametags

colored markers

crayons

pencils

baskets for collecting estimates and surveys

estimation jar

contents for estimation jar

sticky notes

small pieces of paper for estimation responses

toothpicks

blank paper

glue or tape

geoboards (one for each participant)

geobands

pattern blocks

overhead pattern blocks

colored tiles or paper squares for pentathlon introduction

overhead color tiles

rulers

prizes for estimation awards

## **Things to Make**

Signs for centers (Estimation, Favorite Olympic Event, Polygon Olympic Challenge, Adult/Student Survey)

Line Plot on chalkboard or large paper for Favorite Olympic Event

Small squares of paper if colored tiles are not available



**Papers to be copies for use DURING Session 1**

Polygon Olympic Challenge  
Adult Survey  
Student Survey  
Centimeter Grid Paper

**Packet Contents to be copied for use at Home**

Title Page  
Pentominoes for the Pentathlon  
Inch Grid Paper  
Tangram Olympic Events  
Tangram Master  
Pattern Block Events  
Pattern Block Master  
Shapes and Solids Scavenger  
Polygon Olympic Challenge  
Stories with Holes

**Overhead Transparencies to Make for use DURING Session 1**

Polygon Olympic Challenge (enlarged version)  
Stories with Holes  
Geoboard Olympic Challenge  
The Olympic 2000 Mascots  
Picture page of Three Mascots  
Space for Millie  
Centimeter Grid Paper  
Floor Exercise Mat Design Contest  
Pentominoes for the Pentathlon  
Inch Grid Paper

**√ Letters to Families  
of Students  
about Math Olympics  
2000/2002**

# Math Olympics 2000/2002

\_\_\_\_\_, 2001

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to offer a Math Olympics 2000/2002 program for \_\_\_ graders and adults (parents or grown-up friends of the student) at your school. Math Olympics involves adults and children **working together** to learn about mathematics through hands-on activities.

There are four sessions included in the program and they will be on the following dates:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Each night of the program will focus on a different topic.

If you would like to attend the Math Olympics program at \_\_\_\_\_ Elementary School, please return the slip below to \_\_\_\_\_. Because of space, we will only be able to accept 30 pairs of students and adults, so we will honor those who turn in the slips first.

We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Elementary School

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Adult's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

We plan to attend all four nights of the Math Olympics 2000/2002 to be held on:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Math Olympics 2000/2002

\_\_\_\_\_, 2001

Dear \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,

This is a reminder to you about the Math Olympics sessions coming up on the following dates:

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_, 2001

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\_\_\_\_\_

# **Session One**

**√ Support Materials**

**√ Masters of activities sheets**

**√ Masters of Overhead  
Transparencies**

**√ Master of Home Packet**

# List of Sports and Disciplines for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games

Choose 8 or 10 for the Line Plot activity for Session 1.

## Aquatics

- Diving
- Swimming
- Synchronized Swimming
- Water Polo

## Archery

## Athletics (Track and Field)

## Badminton

## Baseball

## Basketball

## Boxing

## Canoe / Kayak

- Slalom

- Sprint

## Cycling

- Road

- Mountain Bike

- Track

## Equestrian

- Dressage

- Jumping

- Three-day Event

## Fencing

## Football

## Gymnastics

- Artistic

- Rhythmic

- Trampolining

## Handball

## Hockey

## Judo

## Modern Pentathlon

## Rowing

## Sailing

## Shooting

## Softball

## Table Tennis

## Taekwondo

## Tennis

## Triathlon

## Volleyball

- Beach Volleyball

- Volleyball (indoor)

## Weightlifting

## Wrestling

- Freestyle

- Greco-Roman

## POLYGON OLYMPIC CHALLENGE

Complete each of these events using toothpicks, paper and glue or tape. If you prefer, simply draw each solution of paper.

- EVENT 1:** Make a four-sided shape with two opposite sides the same length but not parallel.
- EVENT 2:** Make some six-sided shapes. Make some with one, two, and then three pairs of parallel sides, and some others with no parallel sides.
- EVENT 3:** Make shapes with all square corners (right angle =  $90^\circ$ ). Can you make one with three sides? four sides? five sides? six, seven, or eight sides?
- EVENT 4:** Make five different triangles. How are they different? (This is also good for four-, five-, or six-sided shapes.)
- EVENT 5:** Make some triangles with two sides equal (congruent).
- EVENT 6:** Make some four-sided shapes with three congruent sides.

- EVENT 7:** Try five-sided shapes with four congruent sides.
- EVENT 8:** Make some quadrilaterals (shapes with four sides) with all sides equal (or with two pairs of equal sides.)
- EVENT 9:** Can you make a triangle with two right angles ( $90^\circ$  each)?
- EVENT 10:** Make a shape that has at least one right angle, one angle less than  $90^\circ$  (acute angle) and one angle greater than  $90^\circ$  (Obtuse angle is between  $90^\circ$  and  $180^\circ$ . Reflex angle is between  $180^\circ$  and  $360^\circ$ .)



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**ADULT SURVEY  
MATH OLYMPICS 2000/2002**

Respond to the following statements by circling yes or no.

I enjoy doing mathematical problems                      Yes      No

I liked mathematics when I was in school.                      Yes      No

I use mathematics in my profession.                      Yes      No

I like doing brain teasers.                      Yes      No

I enjoy working with my child in mathematics      Yes      No

One of my most positive school memories of a mathematics class was \_\_\_\_\_

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**ADULT Involvement Counts!**

# STUDENT SURVEY - MATH OLYMPICS 2000/2002

**Circle the answer that tells how you feel about each statement.**

- |  |       |          |          |
|--|-------|----------|----------|
| 1. I enjoy solving problems.                                 | Agree | Not Sure | Disagree |
| 2. I enjoy working with others to solve problems.            | Agree | Not Sure | Disagree |
| 3. I want to complete math assignments as fast as possible.  | Agree | Not Sure | Disagree |
| 4. I think math is easy.                                     | Agree | Not Sure | Disagree |
| 5. I enjoy helping others in class and in groups.            | Agree | Not Sure | Disagree |
| 6. I would like extra work in math.                          | Agree | Not Sure | Disagree |
| 7. I like math when it is used in other subjects.            | Agree | Not Sure | Disagree |
| 8. I enjoy challenges in math.                               | Agree | Not Sure | Disagree |
| 9. I enjoy writing about how I solved a problem.             | Agree | Not Sure | Disagree |
| 10. I enjoy talking to others about math.                    | Agree | Not Sure | Disagree |
| 11. I try very hard in math.                                 | Agree | Not Sure | Disagree |
| 12. Math is one of the subjects I really like.               | Agree | Not Sure | Disagree |
| 13. I like to work alone in math.                            | Agree | Not Sure | Disagree |
| 14. I like to read about math outside of class.              | Agree | Not Sure | Disagree |
| 15. I like to work on problems and puzzles in my spare time. | Agree | Not Sure | Disagree |

## STORIES WITH HOLES

- 1. A man is running away from home. A second man is running after him. The second man is wearing a mask. Who are they and where are they going?**
- 2. A man lives on the twelfth floor of a building. Each morning he gets up, showers, gets dressed, takes the elevator to the first floor, and goes to work. Each evening he comes home, takes the elevator to the sixth floor, runs up to the twelfth floor and he's home. Why doesn't he take the elevator to the twelfth floor when he comes home?**
- 3. Two identical twins (biologically and physically identical) go into a corner candy store and each orders a glass of soda. The contents of the glasses are identical. Each twin drinks the soda and finishes it. One twin lives and one twin dies. Why?**

***Answers to STORIES WITH HOLES:***

1. It is a baseball game. The man running away from home just hit the ball. The man with the mask is the catcher who retrieved the ball and is chasing the runner to tag him out.
2. The man is too short to reach the button for the twelfth floor. He can reach the bottom buttons so he can go down in the morning but he can only reach as high as the sixth button so that is why he walks the rest of the way up.
3. The twins are identical twins NOT TO EACH OTHER but to two other people.

# GEOBOARD OLYMPIC CHALLENGE

**EVENT 1:** Construct a design or pattern on the geoboard using elastic bands.

**EVENT 2:** Construct a design or pattern on the geoboard using only horizontal or vertical line segments.

**EVENT 3:** Construct a design or pattern on the geoboard using only diagonal line segments.

**EVENT 4:** Construct four squares on the geoboard. Construct two of these squares using diagonal line segments.

**EVENT 5:** Construct a square, triangle, rectangle, and pentagon on the geoboard.

# GEOBOARD OLYMPIC CHALLENGE

**EVENT 6:** Construct two four-sided figures which have exactly the same shape and size. (congruent shapes)

**EVENT 7:** Construct two shapes that have exactly the same shape but are different sizes. (similar shapes)

**EVENT 8:** Construct a design or pattern that can be divided in half so that one half exactly matches the other half. (a symmetrical design)

**EVENT 9:** Construct two line segments which are parallel (never meet). Construct two line segments that intersect.

**EVENT 10:** Construct a shape. Be ready to tell us everything you know about this shape.

# THE OLYMPIC 2000 MASCOTS



*Olly*



*SYD.*



*Millie*





## One of the Mascots

Gregarious, honest, enthusiastic and openhearted, Olly epitomizes the Olympic spirit of generosity and universal friendship. A fact-finder, commentator, and flighty communicator, he is always whizzing around the world collecting the latest news. Olly doesn't mind having a go with the other athletes now and again, and what he lacks in patience, he more than makes up for with speed. A do-it-yourself philosopher, Olly's eye is always on the big picture. Altruistic and loyal, Olly is never motivated by self-interest or greed.

### About the Kookaburra

The largest of all kingfishers, the kookaburra roosts in small leafy trees and eats small mammals, snakes, and large insects, such as termites. Kookaburras are family-oriented. They grow to 42 centimeters tall and weight about 500 g. They are brown with a grayish-white underside. The tail has dark bands and the face has cheek patches. The males have distinctive blue markings on their wings. Kookaburras are common everywhere in Australia, in both city and country. Its call is distinctive - a very loud, strange, human-like laugh.



## One of the Mascots

Syd, the platypus, named after the site of the Games, is a team player and a natural leader. Focused, dynamic and enthusiastic, Syd represents the environment and captures the vigor and energy of Australia and its people. He's a team player and tenacious little digger who's not afraid to get the job done. His sturdy body and muscular limbs give him the speed, agility and power to excel at most sports, although swimming is his favorite. Candid and self-effacing, Syd has a laconic Aussie sense of humor.

### About the Platypus

This unique Australian mammal has the bill of a duck, the body of an otter and the tail of a beaver. It lays eggs and has mammary glands but no teats. The platypus and the echidna are the only egg-laying mammals in the world (monotremes). The male averages about 50 centimeters long and weights about 1.7 kilograms. It has a smooth swimming action using special webbed forefeet. Platypuses live in elaborate tunnels or burrows up to 20-meters long within riverbanks. They live on a diet of crustaceans, mollusks, frogs, worms, and insect larvae.



## One of the Mascots

Millie, the echidna, personifies the dawn of hope and optimism in a new millennium in the year 2000. A techno-whiz and information guru, she is a storehouse of information with all the facts and figures at her fingertips. A confident young woman, she is a sharp and witty observer who always takes notes and produces new ideas. Agile and precise, she loves any sport that involves accuracy and strategy. Decisive, analytical, sharp and assertive, she believes it is possible to help build a more peaceful world by educating through sport.

### About the Echidna

The echidna is found widely around Australia. It has a well-developed brain and shows strong signs of high intelligence. Often known as the "spiny anteater," the echidna is covered with stout spines and bristly hair. It eats ants and termites, using its extraordinary long tongue (up to 18 centimeters) covered with sticky secretion like treacle. Echidnas are the platypus' closest living relative. The echidna is about 30 centimeters long and weighs about 7 kilograms.

Adapted from [/www.olymbics.com/ena/svnev/index.html](http://www.olymbics.com/ena/svnev/index.html)

## ***SPACE FOR MILLIE***

Millie, our techno-whiz and information guru, needs a space to think and compute!! She has purchased 540 cm of fencing in order to set off an area in the Olympic Village where she can be alone.

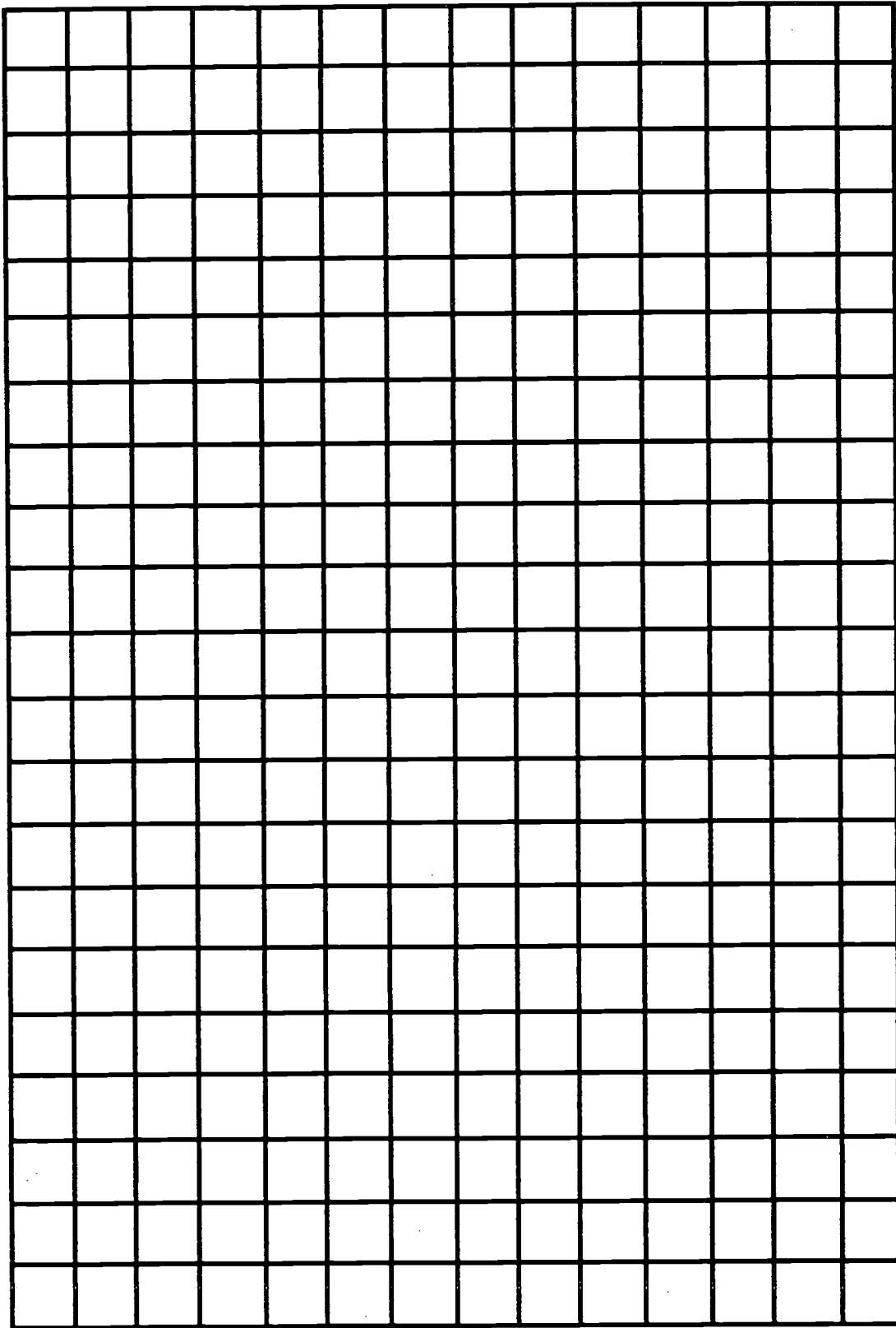
Your challenge is to design an area enclosed by the 540 cm of fencing that will meet Millie's needs.

She has a computer table that is 60 cm by 30 cm and a chair that is 30 cm by 30 cm to fit into this space.

She also needs to be able to pace back and forth because she thinks better when she paces.

Use centimeter graph paper to design an area that will work well for Millie. Remember that one centimeter on the graph paper equals 10 centimeters in Millie's space. Draw your design on the centimeter graph paper. Draw in the computer table and the chair within your design. Be ready to explain why this is the BEST design for Millie!!

# CENTIMETER GRID PAPER



# FLOOR EXERCISE MAT DESIGN CONTEST

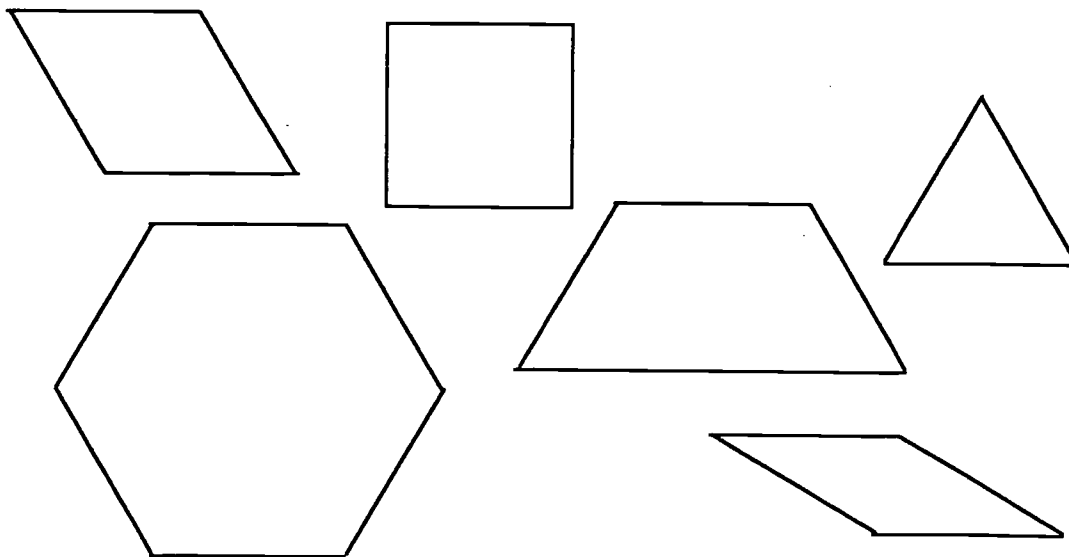
Use pattern blocks to design a symmetrical pattern to be imprinted on the mat used for the Floor Exercises in the Olympics 2000.

Make sure that your design:

- uses at least three different types of pattern blocks
- uses 10 or more pattern blocks
- has at least one line of symmetry

Once you have created your design with pattern blocks, trace it on paper by outlining each block included. Then color each block to match its true color.

Be ready to share your design with our group.



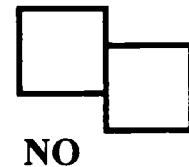
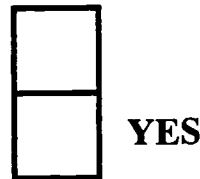
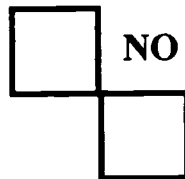
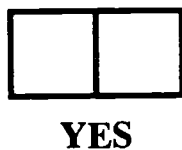
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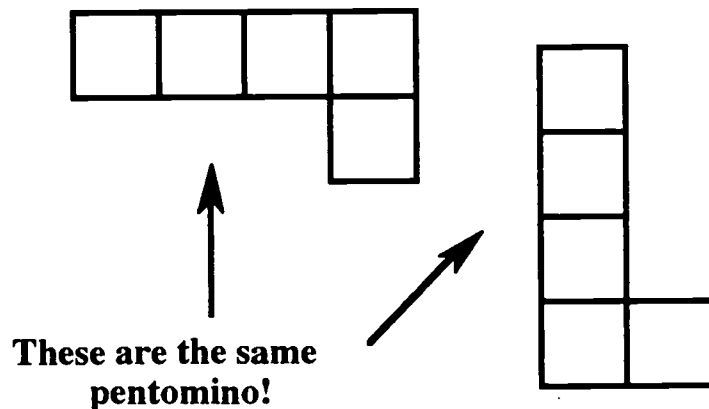
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**Remember:**

- The squares must share a side.

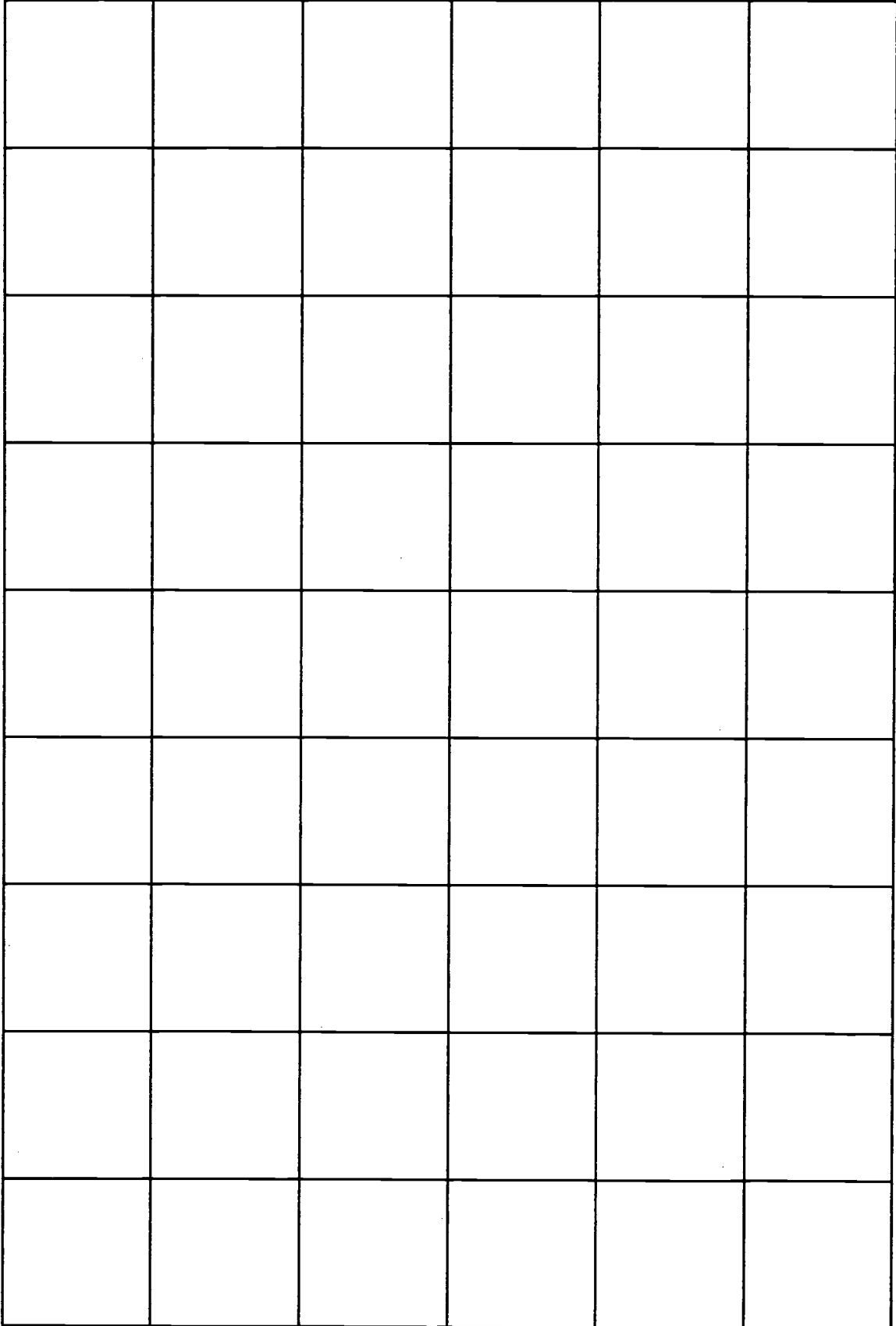


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**How many pentominoes are there?**

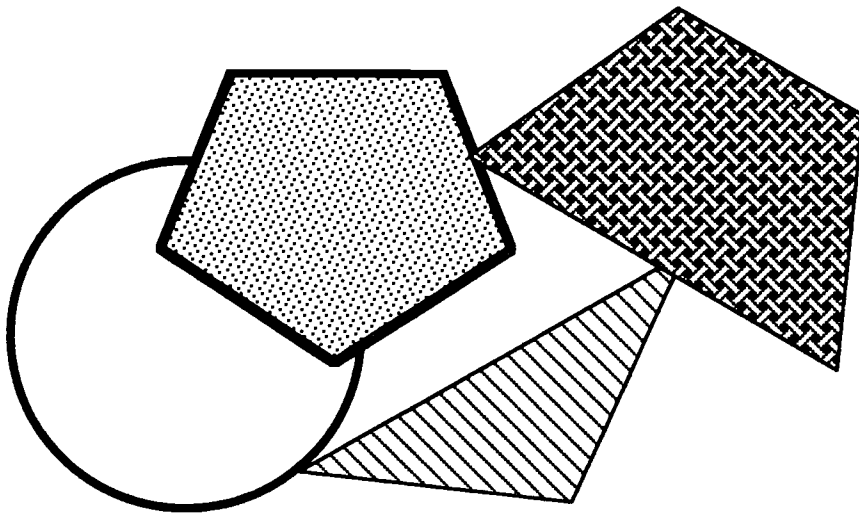
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# **MATH OLYMPICS 2000/2002**

***Intermediate Mathematics Fun  
for Children and Adults to Share  
at Home***



***Week One***

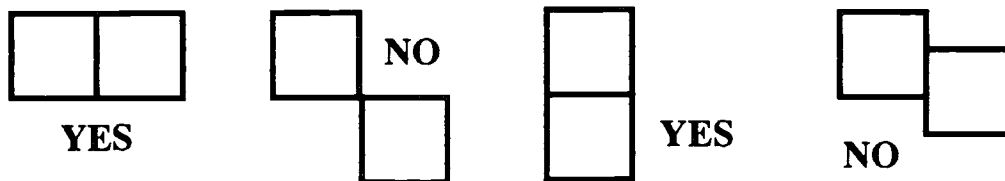
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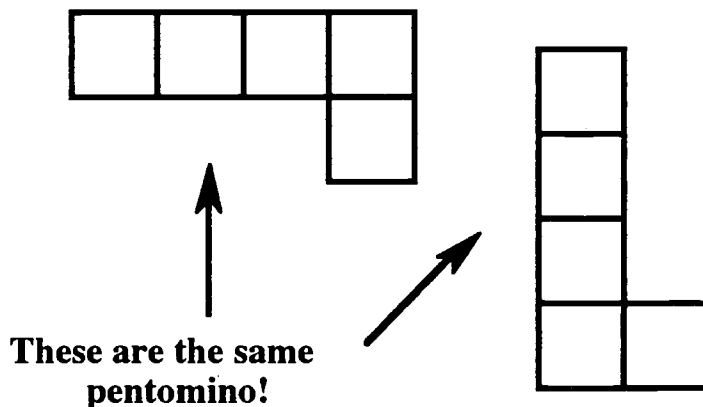
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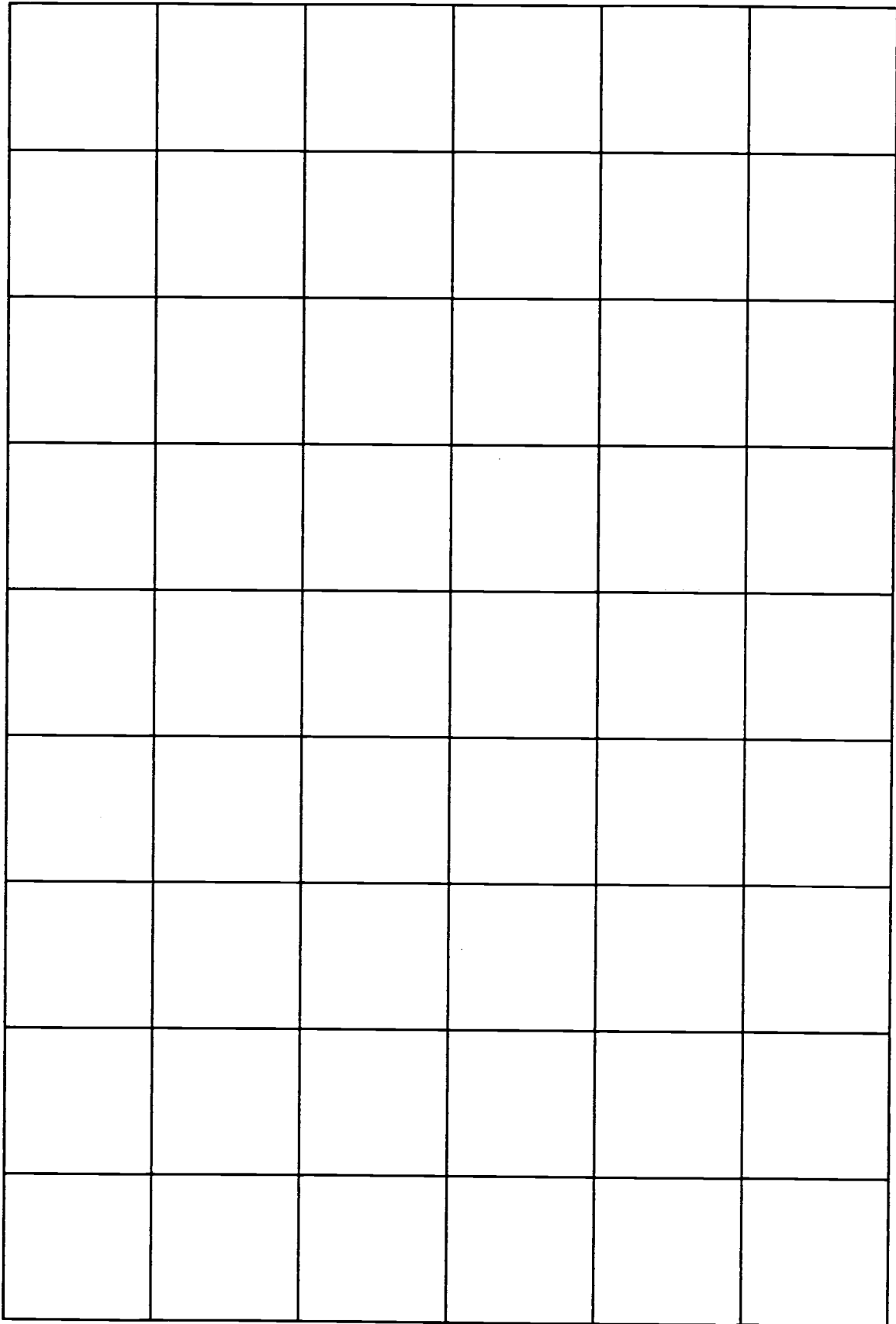


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**How many pentominoes are there?**

# INCH GRID PAPER



# TANGRAM OLYMPIC EVENTS

**Cut one of the tangrams on the next page to use in completing the following Olympic Events.**

*Use some of the pieces from your Tangram to make:*

**Event 1** a long rectangle

Event 2 a different long rectangle

Event 3 a large parallelogram

Event 4 a larger triangle

Event 5 a six-sided shape

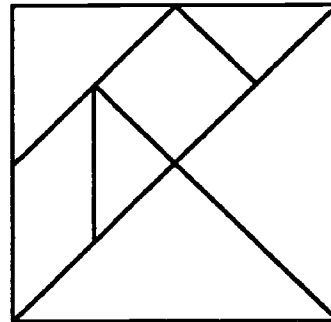
Event 6 a pentagon

Event 7 a trapezoid

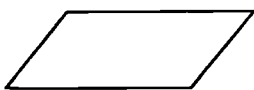
Event 8 a different trapezoid

Event 9 a hexagon

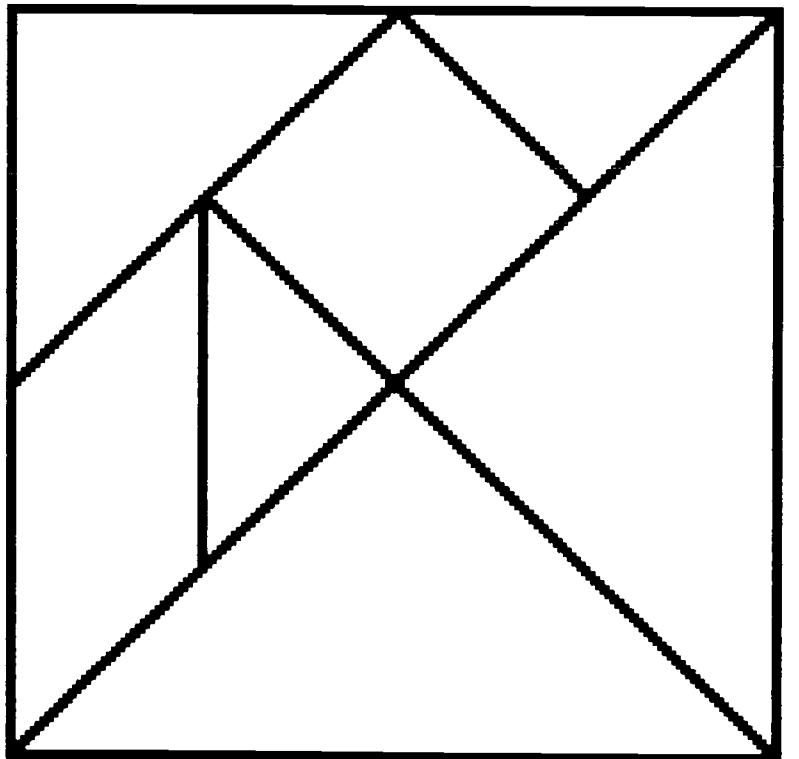
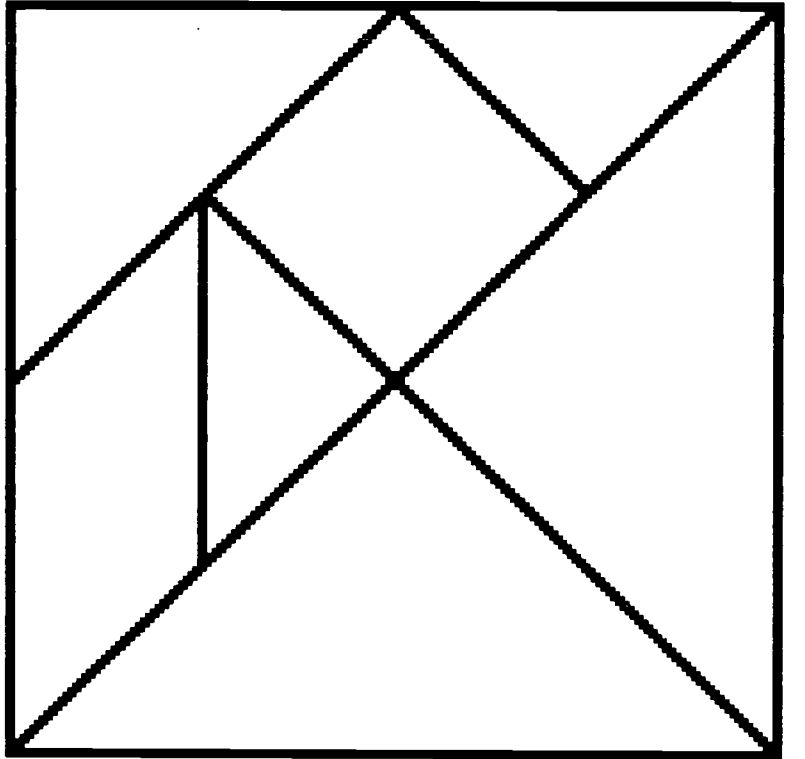
Event 10 an animal or design of your own choosing



*HINTS: parallelogram trapezoid different trapezoid*



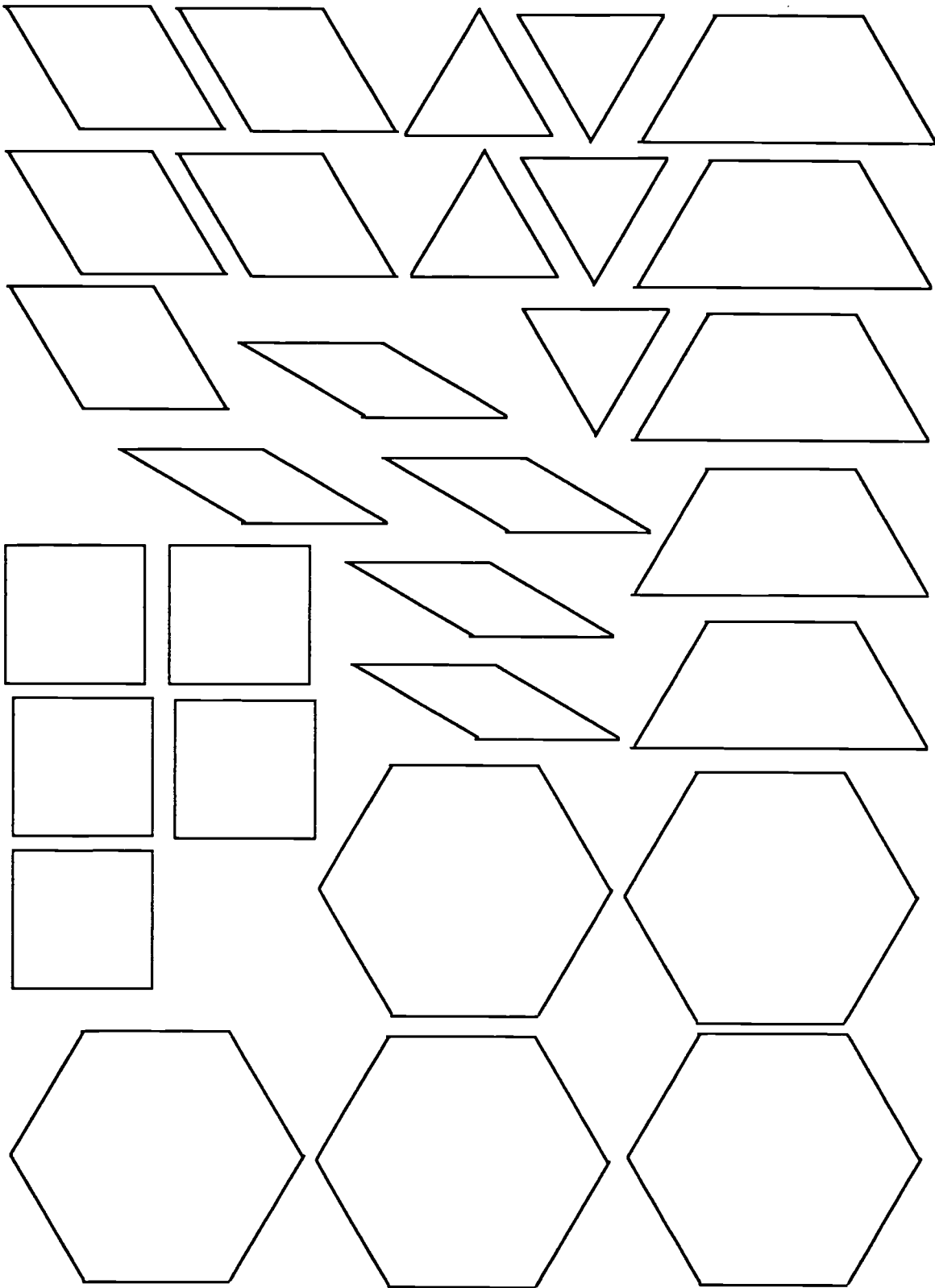
# TANGRAM PATTERNS



# **OLYMPIC VILLAGE PATH WITH PATTERN BLOCKS**

- Color and cut out the pattern blocks on the next sheet.
- Use them to design a path through the Olympic Village that has a repeating pattern in it.
- Make sure that the path IS NOT a straight line but curves at least once.
- Glue your design to a large piece of paper.
- Draw different Olympic Buildings as well as trees, plants, or benches to complete your design.

# PATTERN BLOCKS



# SHAPES AND SOLIDS SCAVENGER HUNT OLYMPIC EVENT

As a team go through your home from room to room. You can even go outside. Look for the two- and three-dimensional shapes listed on the chart.

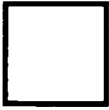
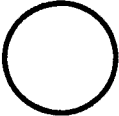



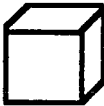

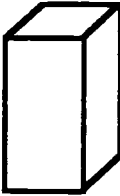
Make sure you look carefully for shapes in flooring, wallpaper, or fabric.

Tally the number of different shapes that surround your life.

Make a graph to display your data. Which shape did you see most often? Why? Which shape could you not find at all?



# *Shapes and Solids Scavenger Hunt*

# POLYGON OLYMPIC CHALLENGE

Complete each of these events using toothpicks, paper and glue or tape. If you prefer, simply draw each solution of paper.

**EVENT 1:** Make a four-sided shape with two opposite sides the same length but not parallel.

**EVENT 2:** Make some six-sided shapes. Make some with one, two, and then three pairs of parallel sides, and some others with no parallel sides.

**EVENT 3:** Make shapes with all square corners (right angle =  $90^\circ$ ). Can you make one with three sides? four sides? five sides? six, seven, or eight sides?

**EVENT 4:** Make five different triangles. How are they different? (This is also good for four-, five-, or six-sided shapes.)

**EVENT 5:** Make some triangles with two sides equal (congruent).

**EVENT 6:** Make some four-sided shapes with three congruent sides.

**EVENT 7:** Try five-sided shapes with four congruent sides.

**EVENT 8:** Make some quadrilaterals (shapes with four sides) with all sides equal (or with two pairs of equal sides.)

**EVENT 9:** Can you make a triangle with two right angles ( $90^\circ$  each)?

**EVENT 10:** Make a shape that has at least one right angle, one angle less than  $90^\circ$  (acute angle) and one angle greater than  $90^\circ$  (Obtuse angle is between  $90^\circ$  and  $180^\circ$ . Reflex angle is between  $180^\circ$  and  $360^\circ$ .)

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## STORIES WITH HOLES

- 1. A man is running away from home. A second man is running after him. The second man is wearing a mask. Who are they and where are they going?**
- 2. A man lives on the twelfth floor of a building. Each morning he gets up, showers, gets dressed, takes the elevator to the first floor, and goes to work. Each evening he comes home, takes the elevator to the sixth floor, runs up to the twelfth floor and he's home. Why doesn't he take the elevator to the twelfth floor when he comes home?**
- 3. Two identical twins (biologically and physically identical) go into a corner candy store and each orders a glass of soda. The contents of the glasses are identical. Each twin drinks the soda and finishes it. One twin lives and one twin dies. Why?**

***Answers to STORIES WITH HOLES:***

1. It is a baseball game. The man running away from home just hit the ball. The man with the mask is the catcher who retrieved the ball and is chasing the runner to tag him out.
2. The man is too short to reach the button for the twelfth floor. He can reach the bottom buttons so he can go down in the morning but he can only reach as high as the sixth button so that is why he walks the rest of the way up.
3. The twins are identical twins NOT TO EACH OTHER but to two other people.

# SESSION TWO

Number  
Concepts  
and  
Problem Solving

# **Math Olympics 2000/2002 - Session 2**

## **Topic: Number Concepts and Problem Solving**

### **Warm Ups**

Nametags  
Estimation Jar  
Program Pentathlon  
Spinner Sprints - Odd and Even  
Toothpick Challenges

### **Welcome Back**

Welcome  
Share homework results from participants

### **Activities**

Olympic Number Mysteries  
Digit Card Boxing  
Nim Competitions  
- Concrete Event  
- Mental Math Event  
Hundred Chart Hockey  
Fraction Fencing

### **Homework**

Hundred Chart Hockey Challenge  
Fraction Football  
For 2000 Your Cost Would Be??  
Number Search  
2000¢ 20 Ways

### **Closure**

Review of warm ups, hand out prize(s) for estimation jar  
Incentives to return  
Hand out and review packet for home

# **Math Olympics 2000/2002 - Session 2**

## **Topic: Number Concepts and Problem Solving (Intermediate Grades)**

### **Description of Activities and Preparation for Session Events**

#### **Set Up of Room**

The room in which you hold Math Olympics 2000/2002 should be large: the cafeteria, the media center or library, or an open area. You will need tables centered before an overhead projector for participants to sit at during the main activities of the sessions. You will also need tables around the outskirts of the room for the Warm Up activities at the beginning of the evening. You will want a table for the Nametags near the door. You may also want a refreshment table if you plan to break halfway through the night for refreshments.

You may want to place baskets or boxes on each table that hold the materials needed for the main activities of the evening. Think about how best to organize your materials to eliminate “down-time” while waiting to dispense supplies.

#### **Warm Ups**

*(The Warm Ups should go more quickly tonight  
as participants get used to the routine.)*

#### **Nametags**

Set up the Nametag Table with individual nametags so that every participant (leaders, children, and adults) has his or her name visible for others to see.

Display the sign for the Nametag Table that encourages people to sign. Make a Sign-In Sheet, if desired, to keep track of who attends.

As the children and adults arrive, have one leader greet them and point them toward the Nametag Table. Have colored markers available for the participants to write their names on the nametags.

After they sign in, encourage families to move to the other centers to begin exploring the warm-up activities.

### **Estimation Jar**

Each week fill the estimation jar (a quart mayonnaise jar or larger) with one kind of item (small dog biscuits, superballs, jar breakers, Hershey Kisses, etc.) Count the items prior to the night of the event, write the number of items in the jar on a piece of paper and tape it to the inside of the lid of the jar.

Display the sign for the “Estimation Jar” at a warm-up center. Encourage participants are to record their estimates of how many of the item chosen for that week are in the jar.

Place pencils and pieces of paper near the jar on which participants can write their estimates and name. Place a basket near the jar in which participants can place their estimates.

### **Program Pentathlon**

In this Warm Up, the participants are told that the printer made an error while printing the programs for the first four days of the Olympics. He forgot to cut them and bind them. The Chairman of the Program Committee has decided to simply fold the programs so that the events will appear in order from Event #1 to Event #8. He is asking for your help. Participants will use large versions of the program made from construction paper and experiment to figure out how to fold each one so that #1 is first, #2 second, and so on.

Before Session Two, use construction paper to make several sets of the program mats so that participants can experiment with the folding to create an ordered program for each day.

1	8	7	4
2	3	6	5

1	2	7	8
4	3	6	5

1	2	3	4
8	7	6	5

1	4	2	3
8	5	7	6

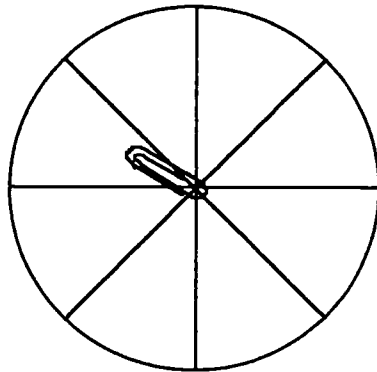


## Spinner Sprints

At this center supply odd and even spinners for each pair, a paper clip and a pencil for each person, some markers, and a piece of chart paper to record the results.

Make a sign that says, "Spinner Sprints - Odd and Even." Display the directions which are included in the Support Section for Session Two. Station a leader nearby to demonstrate how to use the paper clip and the pencil as the spinner:

*Place a spinner on the table. Place the paper clip so that one of its curved ends encompasses the center point of the spinner. Hold the pencil in your hand and place the point of the pencil on the center point of the spinner to keep the paperclip centered as it spins. Use your free hand to spin the paperclip so that it encircles the spinner several times and then stops on a number.*



Children and adults will compete against each other spinning numbers and trying to reach the largest total in 10 spins each. Children use the even spinner, adults the odd. Provide counters or beans for the children's use if needed to help them compute their sums.

Make a "Spinner Sprints - Odd and Even" results chart on which the pairs can record the results. At the end of the evening discuss with the participants whether it made any difference if the spinner used was odd or even. Did even win more often than odd? Odd more often than even? Was it a fair game?

Who Won – Odd or Even?	
Kids-Even	Parents-Odd

### **Toothpick Challenges**

Display the “Toothpick Challenge #1” at the center area. Provide a good supply of toothpicks, blank paper, and pencils.

Participants will try to solve each challenge and record their solutions on a sheet of paper.

Share solutions at the end of the evening. Both Toothpick Challenge #1 and Toothpick Challenge #2 will be included in their packet for use during the week.

## **Welcome Back**

### **Welcome Back and Homework Check**

Gather your participants to the tables centered in front of the overhead projector. Welcome them back with “Olympic” enthusiasm and reintroduce all leaders involved in the program.

Ask if any participants completed the Pentomino Pentathlon from the homework packet. Display a transparency of the grid paper on the overhead. Allow different participants to come to the overhead projector and record one of their solutions. Continue until all 12 pentominoes have been shared.

Explain that the focus of this session is Number Concepts and Problem Solving. Share the fact that rather than ONLY teaching rote computation in mathematics classes, today we use a ‘number sense’ approach in instruction. We help students see the relationship of numbers, what happens when we combine them, or take them apart. We also help them APPLY those skills in problem-solving situations so that they actually get to USE what they have learned in a real life way. Ask the participants to look for all the “problem-solving” situations we experience tonight. Ask them to also look for the computation needed in those settings. Ask them how number sense was involved in the centers we just completed.

## Activities

### Olympic Number Mysteries

This activity focuses on the characteristics of numbers and number sense. Prior to the session, write either three- or four-digit numbers on index cards (one number per card). The number of digits is determined by the level of the students in your group. Explain that each participant will have a mystery number taped to their back. They may not look at it. Their job is to move around the room asking other participants “yes” and “no” questions about their number until they figure out what it is. The questions must be worded so that you can answer either “yes” or “no.” Here are some examples:

- Is it an odd number?
- Is it between 300 and 500?
- Is it a multiple of 5?

Have a participant write a number on a card and place it on your back. Model the activity by asking the group “yes” and “no” questions to figure out your number.

Tape cards to the back of each participant. Make sure every number is different. Display an overhead of the directions for Olympic Number Mysteries on the projector for participants to refer to, if needed. Allow time for participants to play the game and figure out what their number is.

When finished have the participants get in a number line to check their numbers. Ask, “Who thinks they have the lowest number? What do you think your number is? Does anyone think they have a lower number?” and so on until the participants are in the places they think they belong. Then have them take off their numbers, check to see if they were correct, and check their number line. Is it in order?

### Digit Card Boxing

For this activity, you need to make a set of digit cards for each pair of participants. For each pair, you need 10 index cards. Cut the cards in half.



This will give you 20 cards for each pair. In large lettering, using a marker or crayon, write one of the digits 0 to 9 on each card so that when you finish you have two "0" cards, two "1" cards, two "2" cards and so on (two of each digit from 0 to 9). Place the set in a plastic bag.

### **Round One - Can You Change Your Number to Mine?**

Ask the pairs to use their digit cards to make any four-digit number ( \_ \_ \_ \_ ) that they want.

Once every pair has a number displayed before them on the table. Tell them that you have a special number in your head. Their job is to see if they can use the clues you share to change their number to yours. They may use ANY of the digit cards in their set (the ones on the table or the ones left over unused). With each clue they may change the digits in their number to match your number. You may repeat the clues as often as needed.

Example of what you might say:

Clue 1: The digit in the ones place is odd. It is greater than 1 and less than 5. Change your number to match mine. ( \_ \_ \_ 3 )

Clue 2: If I multiply the digit in the ones place to itself, I get the digit in the thousands place. ( 9 \_ \_ 3 )

Clue 3: If I subtract the digit in the ones place from the digit in the thousands place, I get the digit in the hundreds place. ( 9 6 \_ 3 )

Clue 4: If I divide the digit in the hundreds place by the digit in the ones place, I get the digit in the tens place. ( 9 6 2 3 )

Does anybody know my number?

NOTE: The clues do not have to be interconnected as these were. They can be separate clues not related to the previous digit given.

Repeat the game with a different number. Then have the pairs play against each other. This game allows children and adults to think about numbers differently than they usually do. They begin looking at the characteristics of numbers and how they relate. It is also a great way to reinforce place value. Notice that I did

not go in order from ones to tens to hundreds when giving the clues. The listener had to think about the place being named and move there.

### **Round Two - Boxing for the BEST Solution!!**

-- Ask the participants to take out the following digit cards:

8 3 2 5 7 6 4

Then ask them to select six of the seven digits above to make a three-digit plus three-digit addition problem that will give them the GREATEST sum possible.


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Allow time for the pairs to work together. Have participants share their solutions and how they arrived at their answer.

-- Now ask the group to use the same six cards again but this time make a 3-digit plus 3-digit addition problem whose sum is between 700 and 900.

Allow time for them to work. Share all solutions found. Pose the question: I wonder how many solutions there are in all using these seven number? (Don't take the time to find them now but discuss how practicing computation can be a lot more fun with digit cards and some problem solving than with a regular worksheet.)

Variations - are countless!!

-- Change the operation to multiplication or division.

-- Change the number of digits used.

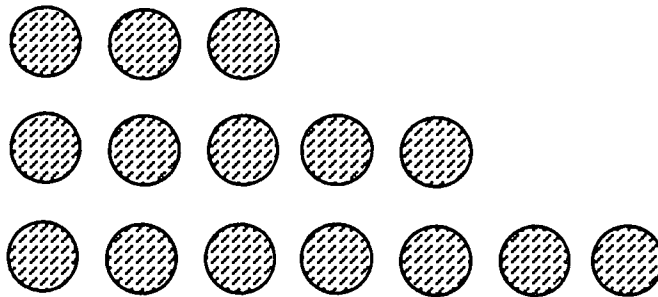
-- Change the goal (lowest number, even number, number between...., as many solutions as possible)

### **Nim Competitions**

Concrete Nim - Gather sets of buttons, coins, blocks, beans, or whatever materials you wish to use. Make sure each bag contains 15 of the same item. Give each pair a bag. Review the rules of the game using the overhead of the directions.

### Rules of the Game:

- Arrange the counters in three rows (3 counters in the first row, 5 in the second, and 7 in the third).



- Take turns removing as many as you want but only from one row. You can take an entire row if you want.
- No skipping turns!!!
- The winner forces the other person to take the last one.

Once they have played it several times, have them try some variations:

- change the number of rows
- change the number of counters
- does the strategy you use change if there is an even number instead of an odd number of counters?
- what if there is only one row?

Mental Math Nim.- Participants need paper and pencil.

The goal is to be the player that gets to 23.

### Rules of the Game:

- Players decide who will go first.
- The first player picks either 1, 2 or 3 as his or her starting number.
- Player Two add either 1, 2, or 3 to the first players number.
- Players take turns repeating this process each time adding the new number to the total so far.
- The player that reaches 23 first wins.

Have pairs play several times. Discuss the strategies they used that helped them win.

Variations - and they are countless

- change the goal
- subtract instead of adding
- one player uses odd numbers, the other even
- multi-step turns (subtract and multiply -  $+3 \times 2$ )

### **Hundred Chart Hockey**

Distribute a Hundred Chart to each participant or each pair, depending on your preference. Place an overhead transparency of the “Hundred Chart Hockey” clue sheet on the overhead projector. Share each clue one-at-a time allowing time for the participants to process them and narrow down the possible choices. Once all the clues have been given, allow time for them to check back through them to make sure their answers are correct. (Answer: 56)

### **Fraction Fencing**

Prior to Session 2 make an overhead transparency of “Fraction Fencing.” Use index cards to make a set of fraction cards for each pair of participants. (See overhead master for the fractions.) Put each set of fraction cards in a plastic bag for easy handling.

Using the overhead review the directions for Round 1 with the group. Allow time for participants to complete it. Have some share the groupings they made and explain their thinking. Check to see if all pairs arrived at the same solutions.

Repeat this process with Round 2 and Round 3.

## **Homework**

### **Hundred Chart Hockey Challenge**

Share the overhead of the “Hundred Chart Hockey Challenge.” Explain that during the week they should create six clues to help the rest of us find their mystery number on the hundred chart. Ask them to bring their clues to the session next week so that they can share them either with the whole group or with other pairs of participants (however you would like to do it).

### **Fraction Football**

Share the direction for this game with the group. Explain that this is a game they can play during the week. The spinner and directions are included in the Home Packet.

### **For 2000 Your Cost Would Be???**

This is another activity for their use during the week. If one soda at the Olympics would cost \$1.50 then how much would 2000 cost? And so on...

### **Number Search**

Using the "Number Search" sheet in the Home Packet, ask the participants to look for at least 20 different examples of numbers that they use in their home. Ask them to bring this list back to share with the group.

### **2000¢ 20 Ways**

Explain that they are to find 20 different combinations of coins that will equal 2000 cents. They can draw pictures, use letter codes, or make a chart to list their combinations.

### **Toothpick Challenge 2**

This is an extension of what was done in our session. You begin with a square, however, instead of a triangle. Toothpick Challenge 1 is included so you can revisit it during the week. Enjoy!

### **Nim Competitions**

The Nim activities from tonight's session are included for use during the week.

## **Closure**

### **Review each of the warm ups.**

**Program Pentathlon:** Have participants share their folding solutions for the program problem.

**Spinner Sprints:** Review the results of the games. Did students win more than adults? Adults more than students? Was it a fair game? Why or why not? Would they change the game if they could? How? Would it be a fair game then?



Toothpick Challenge #1: Share the solutions using an overhead transparency of the master provided in the Support Materials. Discuss other possible solutions.

Estimation Jar: (During the evening have one leader sort through the estimation responses and select the best one or two estimates.) Talk about strategies the participants used to arrive at their estimates. Announce the winner(s) of the Estimation Jar contest and give them a prize (I Love Math button, math pencil, etc.) Remind participants that the Estimation Jar will be a part of each session during the Math Olympics 2000/2002.

Incentives to Return: Ask if the participants have enjoyed the evening. Talk about some of the topics you will explore in the next week or two. Encourage them to return for more fun next week.

Distribute Packets: Distribute the packets to each student/adult pair reminding them that the homework assignment and the hundred chart that they need for the homework are included in the packet. Explain that some of the activities that they experienced tonight are also in the packet so they can revisit them during the week. In addition, there are several new activities for them to explore. Review the contents and answer any questions they may have.

Packet Contents:

- Hundred Chart Hockey Challenge
- Hundred Chart
- Fraction Football
- Fraction Football Spinners
- Fraction Football Grids
- For 2000 Your Cost Would Be??
- Number Search
- 2000¢ 20 Ways
- Toothpick Challenge 1
- Toothpick Challenge 2
- Concrete Nim
- Mental Math Nim

# **THINGS TO DO BEFORE SESSION TWO**

## **Supplies to Gather or Purchase**

nametags  
colored markers  
crayons  
pencils  
baskets for collecting estimates and surveys  
estimation jar  
contents for estimation jar  
sticky notes  
small pieces of paper for estimation responses  
toothpicks  
blank paper  
masking tape  
index cards  
construction paper or plain paper for Program Mats  
paperclips  
chart paper  
beans, counters, cube, or buttons - two colors or types  
prizes for estimation awards  
Pentominoe and Grid Paper Overheads from Session 1  
plastic bags

## **Things to Make**

Signs for centers (Estimation, Nametags, Program Pentathlon, Spinner Sprints-Odd or Even, Toothpick Challenges)  
Fill Estimation Jar  
Program Mats for Program Pentathlon  
“Spinner Sprint - Odd or Even” Results Chart  
Write three- or four-digit numbers in colored marker on index cards for use in the ‘Olympic Number Mysteries’ activity  
Sets of digit cards for each pair  
Put 15 counters (buttons, beans, cubes or whatever) in bags for Nim game  
Fraction Card sets for “Fraction Fencing”

## **Papers to be copied for use DURING Session 2**

Spinner Sprint Spinners- one per person  
Hundred Charts

## **Overhead Transparencies to Make for use DURING Session 2**

Toothpick Challenge 1  
Toothpick Challenge 1 Answer Sheet  
Toothpick Challenge 2  
Toothpick Challenge 2 Answer Sheet (for next week)  
Olympic Number Mysteries  
Concrete Nim Game Rules  
Mental Math Nim Game Rules  
Hundred Chart Hockey Clue Sheet  
Hundred Chart  
Hundred Chart Hockey Challenge  
Fraction Fencing  
Fraction Football Rules  
Fraction Football Spinner  
Fraction Football Grids  
For 2000 Your Cost Would Be???  
2000¢ 20 Ways

## **Packet Contents to be copied for use at Home**

Title Page  
Hundred Chart Hockey Challenge  
Hundred Chart  
Fraction Football  
Fraction Football Mats  
Fraction Football Spinners  
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2000¢ 20 Ways  
Toothpick Challenge-1  
Toothpick Challenge-2  
Concrete Nim  
Mental Math Nim

# **Session Two**

**√ Support Materials**

**√ Masters of activities sheets**

**√ Masters of Overhead  
Transparencies**

**√ Master of Home Packet**

# PROGRAM PENTATHLON

*The official Printer for the Olympics has GOOFED!! He did a great job of printing the Event Programs for the first four days of the Olympics but HE FORGOT TO CUT THEM AND BIND THEM!!!!*

*There isn't time for the Chairman of the Program Committee to send them back, so he is asking for your help.*

*Can you figure out how to fold each day's program so the events will be in order from 1 to 8. Event #1 should be first, #2 second, and so on.*

*Use the mats on the table to experiment with. Be ready to share your solutions with the group. HAVE FUN!!*

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2	3	6	5

1	2	7	8
4	3	6	5

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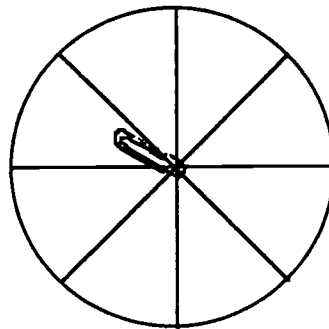
1	4	2	3
8	5	7	6

# **SPINNER SPRINTS**

## **Odd and Even!!**

*In this event, STUDENTS take on their ADULT PARTNER in an all-out ODD and EVEN competition*

*Students use an EVEN spinner, a paperclip, and a pencil. Adults use an ODD spinner, a paperclip, and a pencil.*



### *To Spin:*

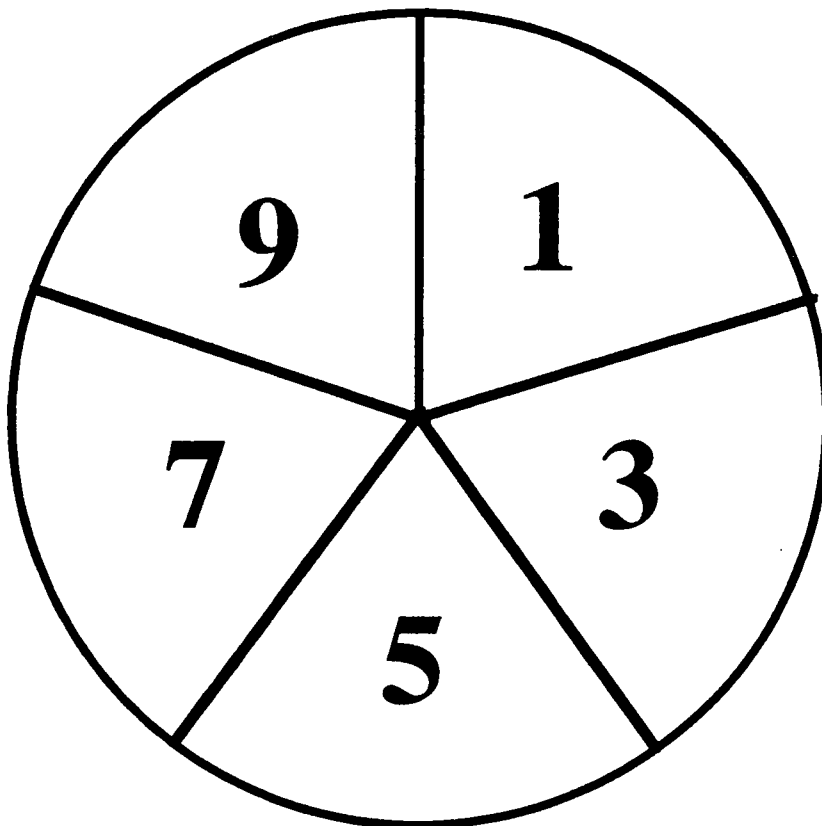
- *Put the paperclip in the center of the spinner.*
- *Place the pencil tip at the very center of the spinner to hold the paperclip in position.*
- *Spin the paperclip.*

### *To Play:*

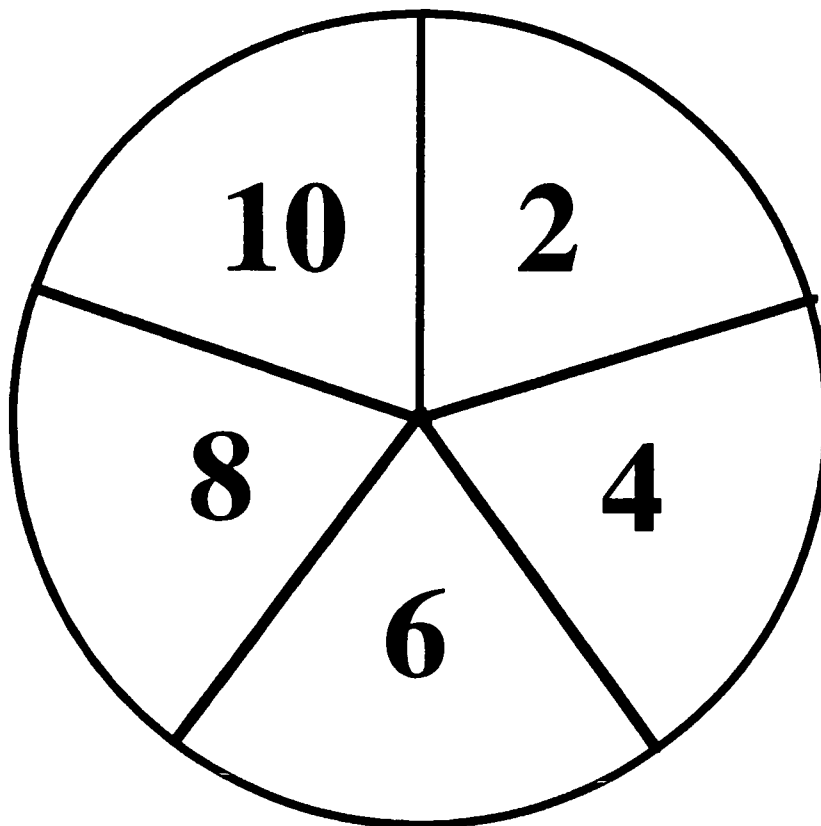
- *Each player takes turns spinning the spinner ten times.*
- *Add the numbers you spin to get a total.*
- *The winner is the player with the largest sum.*
- *Put a tally on the chart to show who won.*

# SPINNER SPRINTS

*Odd  
Spinner*

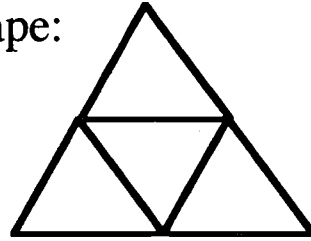


*Even  
Spinner*



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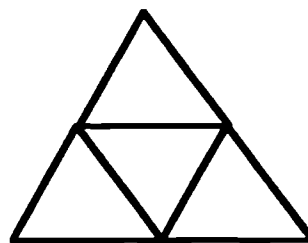
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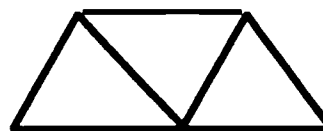
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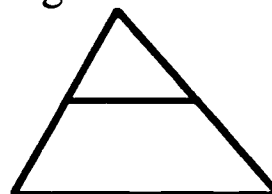
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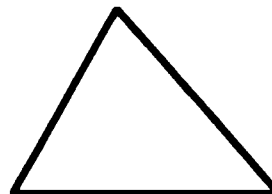
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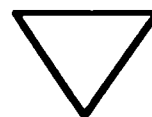
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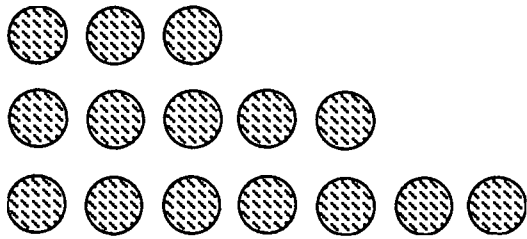
# **OLYMPIC NUMBER MYSTERIES**

**Each participant has an unknown number taped to his or her back. The object of the game is for each person to find out what that number is *WITHOUT* looking at it or just being told.**

**Rules of the game:**

- You may only ask 'yes' and 'no' questions to other participants.  
(Is my number even? Is it between 100 & 200?)**
- You may only ask one question to each person at a time.**
- How many of us can figure out our numbers? Can we all?**

**GOOD LUCK!!**



# Concrete Nim

## Rules of the Game

- Arrange the counters in three rows (3 counters in the first row, 5 in the second, and 7 in the third).
- Take turns removing as many as you want but only from one row. You can take an entire row if you want.
- No skipping turns!!!
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- change the goal
- subtract instead of adding
- one player uses odd numbers, the other even
- multi-step turns (subtract and multiply -  $+3 \times 2$ )

1 - - 2 - - OR - - 3??

# Hundred Chart Hockey

Use your Hundred Chart and the following clues to find my secret number:

- My number is greater than 50.
- My number is a multiple of 7.
- My number is not odd.
- The sum of the digits of my number is 11
- If I multiply the digits of my number, the product is 30.

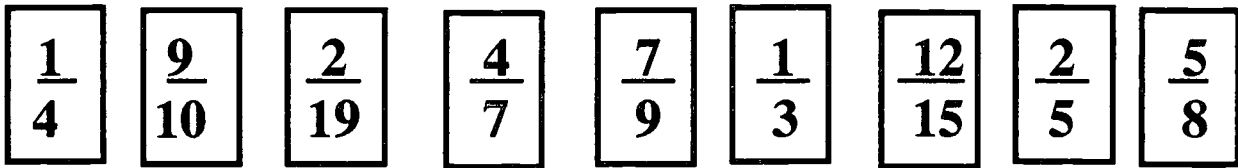
Do you know what my number is?

# HUNDRED CHART

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

# FRACTION FENCING

Provide each pair of participants with a set of fraction cards.



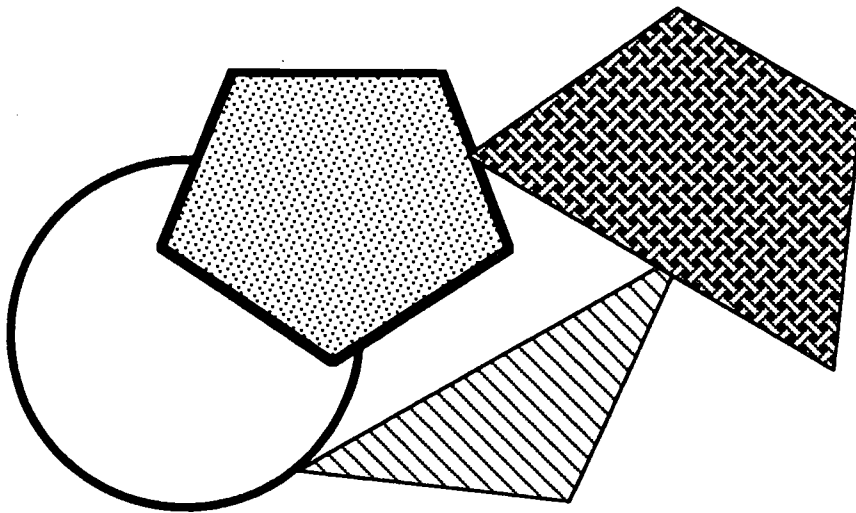
**Round #1:** Sort the fraction cards into two groups - those fractions less than one half and those greater than one half. Justify your thinking.

**Round #2:** Order the fractions by estimating the size of each.

**Round #3:** Pair fractions so that each pair has a sum near 1.

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## Hundred Chart Hockey Challenge

Score a goal for your team by creating a problem for others to solve!!

Select one number on the hundreds chart as your **MYSTERY NUMBER**. Write **SIX (6)** clues about the number so that anyone reading the clues could figure out what the number is.

Use clues such as:

The sum of the digits is....

It is an odd (or even) number

It is a multiple of.....

If I multiply the digits, I get....

It's in the middle (top half, bottom half) of the hundreds chart.

It is greater than (less than)....

It is divisible by.....

Write your clues neatly and clearly. Be ready to share them when we get together next week. Check your clues to make sure they are accurate and lead to only one number. Have fun!!!

# HUNDRED CHART

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81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
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# ***FRACTION FOOTBALL***

## **Each player needs**

- one fraction spinner
- one football grid playing mat
- one paper clip
- one pencil (for spinning the paperclip)
- one crayon or colored pencil

## **Rules of the Game**

- Players take turns spinning their spinner.
- Each time a player spins, he or she colors in that fractional part of his or her football grid.
- A player loses his or her turn if the fraction that is spun is larger than the uncolored grids left on the mat.
- A player wins when he or she colors in the entire Football Grid without any fractional part left over.

## **Emergency Fractional Information**

*(not that you need it!!!)*

$$1/2 = 12 \text{ blocks}$$

$$1/4 = 6 \text{ blocks}$$

$$1/8 = 3 \text{ blocks}$$

$$1/3 = 8 \text{ blocks}$$

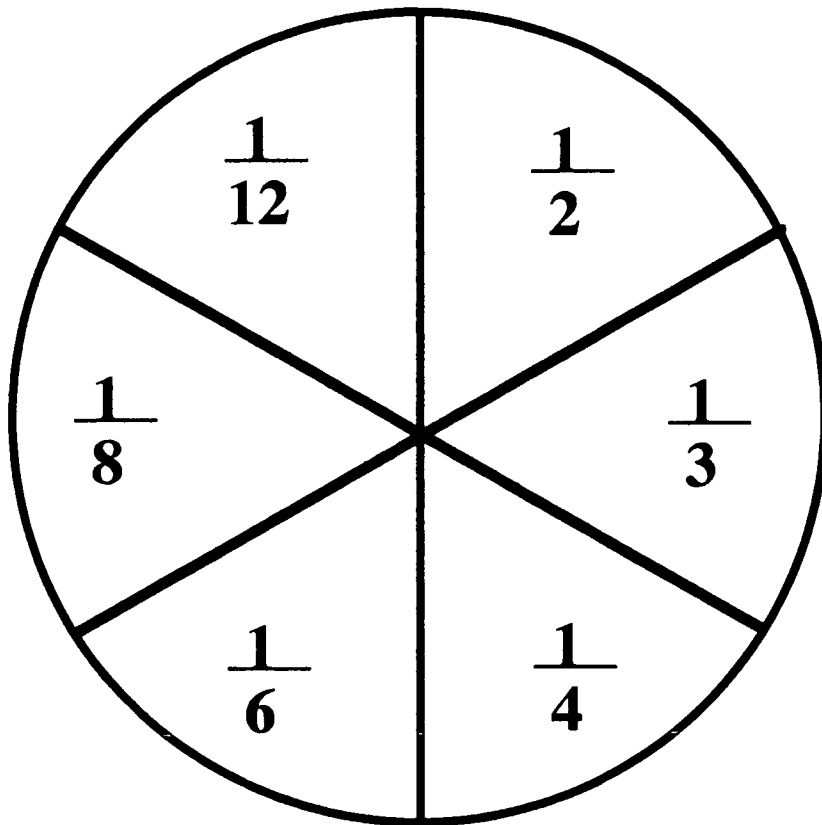
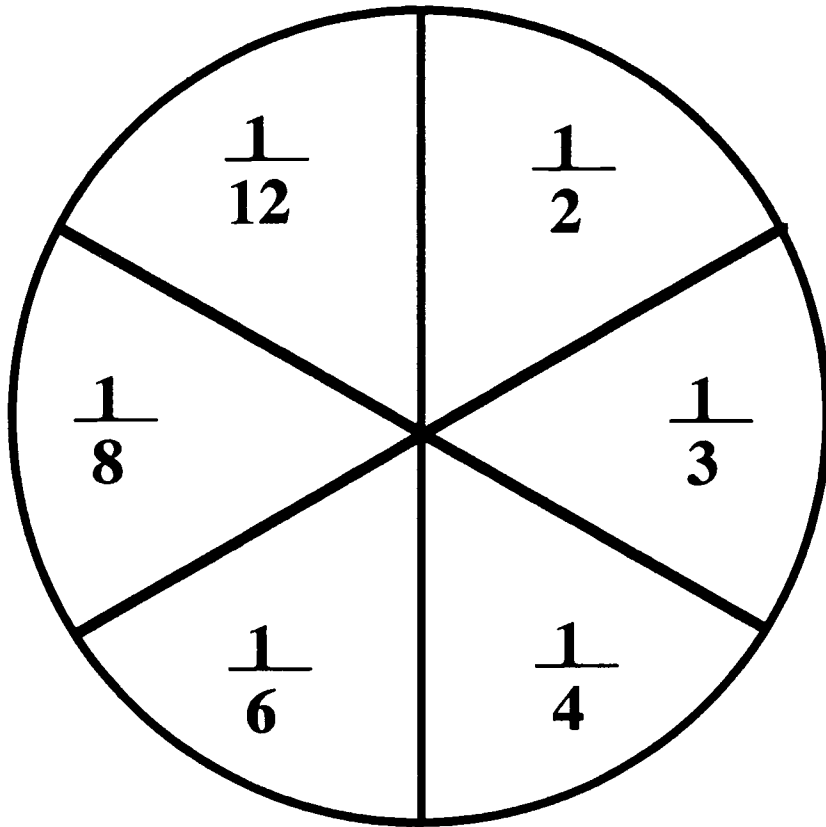
$$1/6 = 4 \text{ blocks}$$

$$1/12 = 2 \text{ blocks}$$

# FRACTION FOOTBALL MATS



# FRACTION FOOTBALL SPINNERS



## FOR 2000 YOUR COST WOULD BE???

As you plan to attend the Olympics 2000 in Australia, you imagine buying 2000 of everything you purchase in honor of the year!!

WOW!! How much money would you spend? Here is the list of items you want to buy. Figure out how much allowance you have to earn in order to reach your goal.

IF...	THEN.....	??\$\$\$\$??
one soda cost \$1.50	2000 sodas would cost...	
one cheeseburger costs \$1.75	2000 cheeseburgers would cost...	
one cheese pizza costs \$7.75	2000 cheese pizzas would cost...	
one candy bar costs \$1.15	2000 candy bars would cost...	
one bag of popcorn costs \$1.95	2000 bags of popcorn would cost...	
one ice cream cone costs \$2.25	2000 ice cream cones would cost...	
<b>TOTAL \$\$\$ NEEDED</b>		

# **NUMBER SEARCH**

Numbers are everywhere!! We use them all the time for lots of different things. We use them when we shop, play, work, and rest.

Find as many different numbers or uses for numbers around your home as you can. Make a chart below to record all the numbers or number uses that you find.

## *2000¢ 20 Ways*

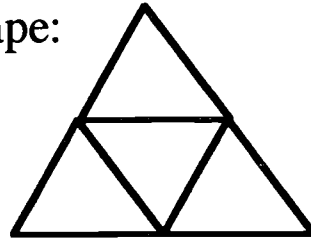
How many different ways could we make 2000¢? How much money is that anyway???

Find at least 20 different combinations of coins that would equal 2000¢. Draw pictures, use letter codes, or make a chart to record your solutions,



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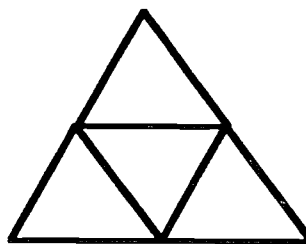
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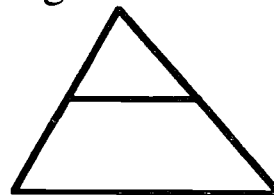


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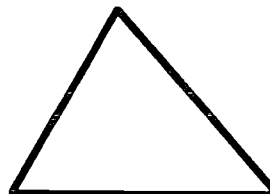
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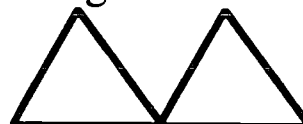
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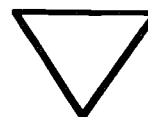
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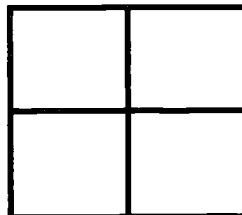


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## TOOTHPICK CHALLENGE-2 (PROBLEM SOLVING)

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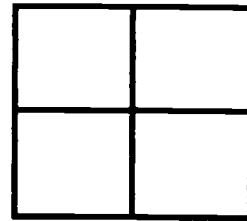


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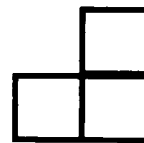
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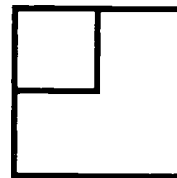


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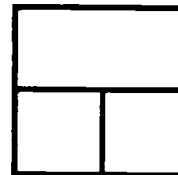
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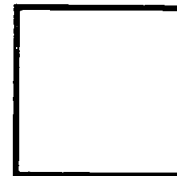
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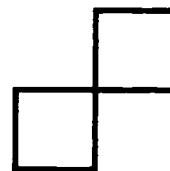
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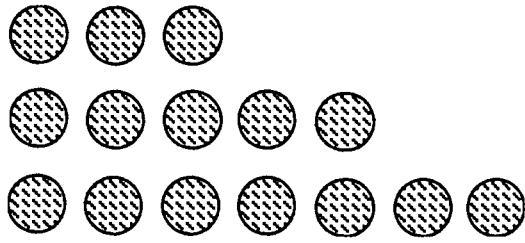


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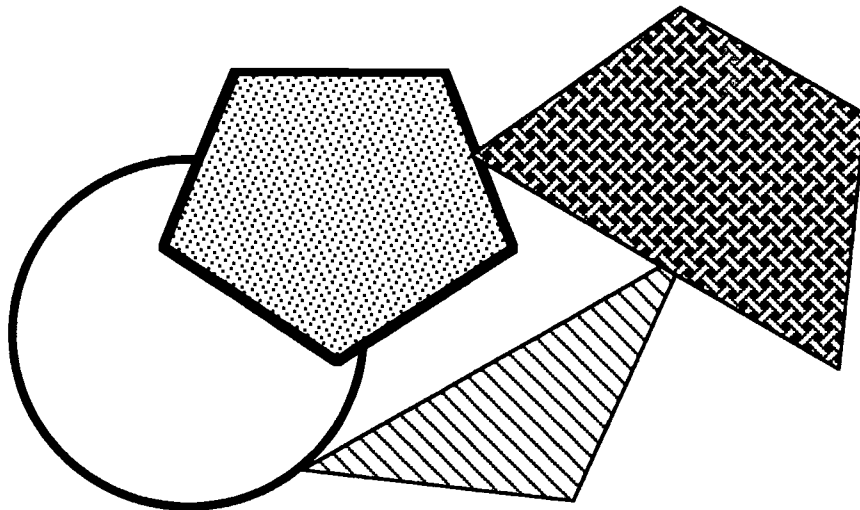
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***Week Three***

# **Math Olympics 2000/2002 - Session 3**

## **Topic: Estimation and Calculators**

### **Warm Ups**

Nametags  
Estimation Jar  
Newspaper Archery  
Namesake Weightlifting  
Handful Handball  
Broad Jump Battle

### **Welcome Back**

Welcome  
Share homework results from participants

### **Activities**

Ten Ways You Use Arithmetic  
Minute Marathon  
Constant Key Dashes  
Subtraction Dash  
Calculator Nim Kayaking  
Dice Dressage/Spinner Sailing  
Calculator Cycling  
Best Guess

### **Homework**

Estimate and Verify  
Addition Dash and Subtraction Dash  
Bull's-Eye  
Calculator Nim Kayaking  
Calculator Cycling

### **Closure**

Review of warm ups, hand out prize(s) for estimation jar  
Incentives to return  
Hand out and review packet for home



**Math Olympics 2000/2002 - Session 3**  
**Topic: Number Concepts and Problem Solving**  
**(Intermediate Grades)**

**Description of Activities and**  
**Preparation for Session Events**

**Set Up of Room**

The room in which you hold Math Olympics 2000/2002 should be large: the cafeteria, the media center or library, or an open area. You will need tables centered before an overhead projector for participants to sit at during the main activities of the sessions. You will also need tables around the outskirts of the room for the Warm Up activities at the beginning of the evening. You will want a table for the Nametags near the door. You may also want a refreshment table if you plan to break halfway through the night for refreshments.

You may want to place baskets or boxes on each table that hold the materials needed for the main activities of the evening. Think about how best to organize your materials to eliminate “down-time” while waiting to dispense supplies.

**Warm Ups**

*(The Warm Ups should go very well tonight  
since participants are used to the routine.)*

**Nametags**

Set up the Nametag Table with individual nametags so that everyone participating (leaders, children, and parents) has his or her name visible for others to see.

Display the sign for the Nametag Table that encourages people to sign. Make a Sign-In Sheet, if desired, to keep track of who attends.

As the parents and children arrive, have one leader greet them and point them toward the Nametag Table. Have colored markers available for the participants to write their names on the nametags.

After they sign in, encourage families to move to the other centers to begin exploring the warm-up activities.

### Estimation Jar

Each week fill the estimation jar (a quart mayonnaise jar or larger) with one kind of item (small dog biscuits, superballs, jar breakers, Hershey Kisses, etc.) Count the items prior to the night of the event, write the number of items in the jar on a piece of paper and tape it to the inside of the lid of the jar.

Display the sign for the “Estimation Jar” at a warm-up center.

Encourage participants are to record their estimates of how many of the item chosen for that week are in the jar.

Place pencils and pieces of paper near the jar on which participants can write their estimates and name. Place a basket near the jar in which participants can place their estimates.

### Newspaper Archery

In this warm-up, participants search through a section of the newspaper to find different types of numbers. They record their findings on the Newspaper Archery sheet. You can offer a prize for the most finds if you like. Or you can make a large set of bull’s-eyes similar to the worksheet and have everyone record their finds on that, making it a joint effort.

### Namesake Weightlifting

Prior to the evening use bulletin board paper to make a graph on which the participants will place their bar. Provide grid paper and tape to make the graph. Masters of centimeter paper and two-centimeter grid paper are included in your support materials. Provide calculators for those who may need them. In this activity, each participant finds the value of their name (first and last names together) to determine how much weight they can lift. They will use grid paper to make a bar for the group graph that displays their name value. The person with the most valuable name (the longest bar on the graph) is the Weightlifting Champ!! When reviewing the warm-ups at the end of the evening, spend some time comparing the data on the graph.

- Where most names of a similar value?
- What was the median? The mode?

- What was the range of data?
- Were the adult names usually more valuable than the student names?
- What else did you notice?

### **Handful Handball**

Prior to this Session 3, make a chart on which the participants can record their results.

<b>This is a HANDFUL!!!!</b>					
<b>0-10</b>	<b>11-20</b>	<b>21-30</b>	<b>31-40</b>	<b>41-50</b>	<b>51 &amp; Up</b>

In this warm-up, the participants estimate how many beans (or whatever fills each plate) they will be able to pick up in one handful. You will need four paper plates and four different sets of items, one set for each plate.

Before they actually pick up the items, the participants write their name, the name of item to be picked up, and estimate of how many they think they will pick up on a sticky note. Provide one color of sticky notes for the students to use and another color for the adults. After they pick up a handful and count how many they actually have in their hand, they write that amount on the sticky note and draw a circle around it. Then they place the note on the chart in the appropriate column.

It is important to have two similar items of different sizes so that the participants can use their experience with the first to help them better estimate with the second. For example, if you use lima beans on the first plate. When they go to the plate of pinto beans, they will see that the pinto bean is about half the size of the lima bean, so they should be able to pick up twice as many. In your discussion afterwards, make sure to talk about how we use one experience in estimation to help us be more accurate in future efforts (kind of like learning as you go). Also look for patterns in the data on the chart and discuss why these might occur. Since you used one color

sticky note for adults and one for students, you can even compare the results to see if adults consistently pick up about twice as much.

### **Broad Jump Battle**

Provide an area of the room that participants can use for a broad jump activity. Use masking tape to mark the jump line. Run another length of masking tape down the side with the distances marked off. Or provide meter tapes for participants to use to measure their jumps.

Each participant should estimate how far he or she will jump and record it on the Score Sheet. Each person gets three jumps to try to jump the farthest possible. Each time the participant can adjust his or her estimate.

Each person gets a point if his or her estimate is within five centimeters of the actual jump.

## **Welcome Back**

### **Welcome Back and Homework Check**

Gather your participants to the tables centered in front of the overhead projector. Welcome them back with “Olympic” enthusiasm and reintroduce all leaders involved in the program.

Ask if any of the participants brought back Hundred Chart Hockey Challenges for us to try. If so allow time for them to share them and the group to solve them. Make sure you have Hundred Charts for their use and an overhead transparency of it as well. Many of the participants have brought Challenges, break them into small groups so that all can be shared in a short amount of time.

Discuss any other homework returned by the group members.

Explain that the focus of this session is Estimation and Calculators. Tonight we will be doing activities that model for us how useful estimation is in everyday life. We will also experience activities that help us see the usefulness of calculators in mathematics instruction. Mathematics is filled with patterns. The student that is able to see those patterns can use them to build their mathematical understanding. Calculators provide an opportunity

to see patterns in abstract numbers in a very visual way. Thus, this is a tool that can reap great learning, if used correctly.

## Activities

### Ten Ways You Use Arithmetic

This activity will help participants see not only how much arithmetic is used each day but that we rarely use it in the way that we usually do in school (paper and pencil). More often we apply mental math or calculators to our efforts in everyday life.

Ask the participants to make a list on paper of ten ways that they use ARITHMETIC in their everyday lives. Allow time for them to do this. Then record their responses on the overhead projector, a chart, or a chalkboard.

Next use three different colored markers. With the group's help color-code each response to show which of the following methods they most use most in everyday life:

- red - mental math
- blue - calculator
- green - paper and pencil

Next draw a circle around every item in which you would most often use an estimate rather than an exact amount (for example, when figuring the tip at a restaurant).

Have the group draw some conclusions from the coding you have done together. Most likely your efforts will show that:

- Most often we use mental math and estimation in our everyday lives.
- The second method we use is the calculator.
- Paper and pencil are used least often. Yet that is what we spend a great deal of time on in math class.
- Exact answers are not needed as often

## **Minute Marathon**

In this estimation activity, the participants will be estimating time and how much they can do in a specific amount of time. You will need a stopwatch or a clock with a second hand.

### **Lap One - How Long is a Minute?**

Ask the participants if they know how long a minute is. Get some responses. Then ask them to close their eyes. Tell them that when you give the signal, they should sit very still. When they think a minute is up, they should keep the eyes shut and raise a hand. As this occurs take note of the people whose hands go up early and those who don't respond at all. When a minute is up say, "Stop. A minute is up. Open your eyes."

Discuss with the group how the minute felt (long, short). Ask what they did to try to figure out how long it was (some might have counted 1000, 1001, etc.).

### **Lap Two - How Many in a Minute?**

Ask each participant to choose an activity to do repeatedly during a minute. Some might want to do jumping jacks, push-ups, hand-claps, snap their fingers, or say their name over and over again.

Ask them to write down on a piece of paper their estimate of how many they will be able to do.

Ask your participants to work in teams of four people to test their estimates. Ask them to rotate the jobs of timer, counter, starter, and contestant until all four have had an opportunity to do each. Ask that each member write down the actual count on his or her paper and circle it. It is the starters additional job to make sure the contestant doesn't slow down during his event just to hit his or her estimate.

Discuss their reactions to the length of a minute in this activity. Was it hard to live up to the estimate?

## **Constant Key Dashes**

### **Dash to 100**

Distribute calculators to every participant. Model how to use the constant key to show repeated addition, subtraction, multiplication, and/or division.

NOTE: On many calculators, you hit the operation key (+), then the number key (4), then hit the equal key (=) repeatedly to skip count.

[+ 4 === should give you 12 on the display]

[+4 ===== should give you 40]

To subtract using the constant key, put in the number you want to start with (100). Hit the operation key (-). Press the number key (10). Then hit the equal sign(=) repeatedly to reach your goal.

[100 - 10 = = = = should give you 50]

Ask the participants to pick a number between 1 and 15. Instruct them to tell the number to their partner. Then have them predict how many times they would have to hit the constant key on the calculator to get to or pass 100. Based on their estimate, have them predict who will win the race, them or their partner.

Next have the partners clear their calculators and get ready to race to 100 using the constant key system and the number they picked.

### **Subtraction Dash**

Distribute a 0-9 spinner and a paperclip to each pair of participants. Display an overhead transparency of the “Subtraction Dash” rules. Review them with the group. Then allow time for the partners to play it a couple of times.

Let the participants know that two Dash games will be in their packet for use at home.

### **Calculator Nim Kayaking**

Remind the participants that they played Nim games last week. Explain that this week we have some Nim games that use the calculator. Display the overhead transparency of “Calculator Nim Kayaking” and review the rules for one of the games. Allow time for players to try one or two of the games. Let the participants know that a copy of this sheet will be in their packet for use at home.

### **Dice Dressage/Spinner Sailing**

You can use number cubes (dice) for this activity or spinners depending your community’s reaction to dice in the classroom or their availability. The spinners work just as well as the “number generators.”

Ask the participants to predict which sum they would get most often if they were given two dice to roll or a 1-6 spinner to spin twice. Have them write their prediction down on a piece of paper and put it aside.

Give the pairs two dice (or a 1-6 spinner and a paperclip) and the tally sheet entitled either “Dice Dressage” or “Spinner Sailing” depending on which you are using.

Instruct them to roll the dice and add (or spin the spinner twice and add). Then record their sum on the sheet using tally marks. Have them repeat this twenty times.

Then ask them to revisit their prediction. Was it accurate? Would they change it? Which sum came up most often for each pair. Combine the data of all the groups to see if one sum stands out consistently.

Discuss why one sum should come up most often (There are more combinations to make a sum of 7 than any other possible sum. Build the following chart that following with the group to demonstrate this fact:

### Possible Combinations for Each Sum

					6+1					
				5+1	5+2	6+2				
		4+1	4+2	4+3	5+3	6+3				
	3+1	3+2	3+3	3+4	4+4	5+4	6+4			
2+1	2+2	2+3	2+4	2+5	3+5	4+5	5+5	6+5		
1+1	1+2	1+3	1+4	1+5	1+6	2+6	3+6	4+6	5+6	6+6
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Discuss the fact that there are six possible combinations for the sum of seven and only one for two or 12. This makes it more likely to get seven than any other number. The next most likely sums would be six and eight.

### Calculator Cycling

This is a bingo game in which the players try to cover four squares on the board in a row horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. The players select two



factors, predict which product they will make, use the calculator to verify their answer, and, if correct, place the chip on the square.

Discuss how estimation will help them in this game. What other strategies will help a player to win. Distribute the game sheet entitled “Calculator Cycling” and bingo chips or beans to each player. Allow time for them to play.

### **Best Guess**

In this game, students compete against adults in estimation. The students use a list of subtraction problems. The adults use a list of division problems. Each tries to estimate the answer accurately. Players verify their estimates with a calculator. The player whose estimate is closest on each round wins a point. At the end of the game, the player with the most points wins the game.

## **Homework**

### **Estimate and Verify**

This is an opportunity to practice estimation in a real-life setting. Student can do this independently or with an adult. They can even compare sock drawers, if they want to.

### **Addition Dash**

This game is very similar to “Subtraction Dash” which was done in our session tonight (and is also included in the packet). Students and adults can play both at home together.

### **Subtraction Dash**

Played tonight and shared in the packet for participants to revisit.

### **Bulls-Eye**

Participants compete to give the closest estimate in a game very similar to **Best Guess**, the game that was played tonight.

### **Calculator Nim Games**

These were shared in class but are included for use at home.

## Closure

### Review each of the warm ups.

Newspaper Archery: Have participants share their findings from the newspaper. Were there some types of numbers that were more difficult to find than others.

Namesake Weightlifting: Who lifts the most pounds in this group based on their name? What else does the graph show us?

- Where most names of a similar value?
- What was the median? The mode?
- What was the range of data?
- Were the adult names usually more valuable than the student names?
- What else did you notice?

Handful Handball: Are there patterns in the data displayed? Were the parents consistently able to hold twice as much as the students? More? Less? Does the color of the sticky notes help you to see patterns? Are the notes grouped in some way? Why?

Broad Jump Battle: Do we have Broad Jump Superstars in our midst? Or should we call them Estimation Superstars? Any reactions to this? We estimate in many ways and for many purposes, not just for computation.

Estimation Jar: (During the evening have one leader sort through the estimation responses and select the best one or two estimates.) Talk about strategies the participants used to arrive at their estimates. Announce the winner of the Estimation Jar contest and give them a prize (I Love Math button, math pencil, etc.) Remind participants that the Estimation Jar will be a part of each session during the Math Olympics 2000/2002.

Incentives to Return: Ask if the participants have enjoyed the evening. Talk about some of the topics you will explore in the next week or two. Remind them that next week is our last week together. Encourage them to return for more fun next week.

Distribute Packets: Distribute the packets to each pair of participants. Explain that some of the activities that they experienced tonight are also in

the packet so they can revisit them during the week. In addition, there are several new activities for them to explore. Review the contents and answer any questions they may have.

Packet Contents:

Estimate and Verify  
Addition Dash  
Subtraction Dash  
0-9 Spinner Sheet  
Bull's-Eye  
Calculator Nim Kayaking  
Calculator Cycling

## **THINGS TO DO BEFORE SESSION THREE**

### **Supplies to Gather or Purchase**

nametags  
colored markers or crayons  
pencils  
baskets for collecting estimates and surveys  
estimation jar  
contents for estimation jar  
sticky notes- two colors  
small pieces of paper for estimation responses  
blank paper  
masking tape  
meter stick or tape measure to set up Broad Jump area  
paperclips  
chart paper  
beans (two sizes), cube, macaroni, marbles, or buttons for Handful Handball  
prizes for estimation awards  
newspapers  
scissors  
clear tape  
paper plates (four)  
calculators  
stopwatch or clock with second hand  
bingo chips or beans  
dice (if not using 1-6 Spinners in Dice Dressage/Spinner Sailing)  
paperclips for spinners

### **Things to Make**

Signs for centers (Estimation, Nametags, Newspaper Archery, Namesake Weightlifting, Handful Handball, and Broad Jump Battle)  
Fill Estimation Jar  
Large Display for Newspaper Archery (optional – see prep)  
Large graph for Namesake Weightlifting  
Chart for Handful Handball

**Papers to be copied for use DURING Session 3**

Hundred Charts - for homework review  
Newspaper Archery Recording Sheet (or make large chart for all to use)  
Grid paper  
Broad Jump Battle Recording Sheet  
0-9 spinners  
1-6 spinners (if not using dice)  
Dice Dressage or Spinner Sailing Record Sheet  
Calculator Cycling

**Overhead Transparencies to Make for use DURING Session 3**

Hundred Chart for homework review  
Subtraction Dash  
Calculator Nim Kayaking

**Packet Contents to be copied for use at Home**

Title Page  
Estimate and Verify  
Addition Dash  
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0-9 Spinner Sheet  
Bull's-eye  
Calculator Nim Kayaking  
Calculator Cycling

# **Session Three**

**√ Support Materials**

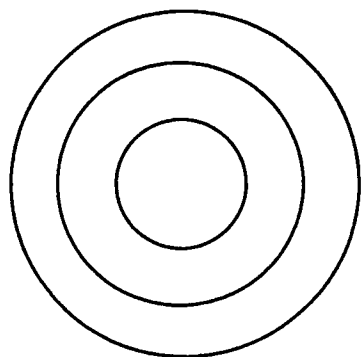
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**√ Masters of Overhead  
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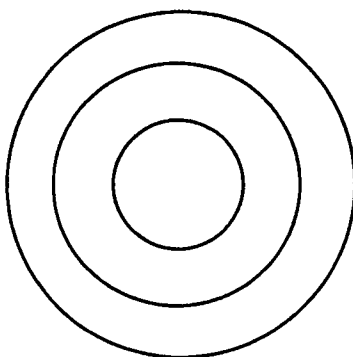
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# Newspaper Archery

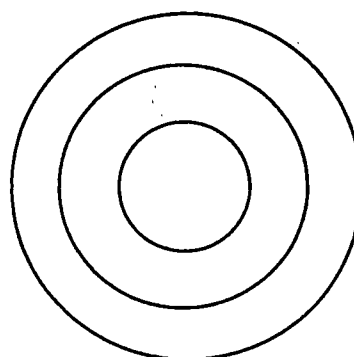
Use the newspaper to find examples of the following types of numbers. Write the example you find in the bull's-eye. Can you find more than one for each type of number? Make sure you can tell us where you found each one.



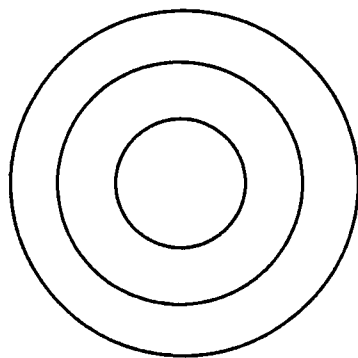
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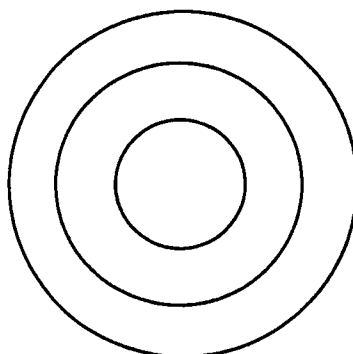
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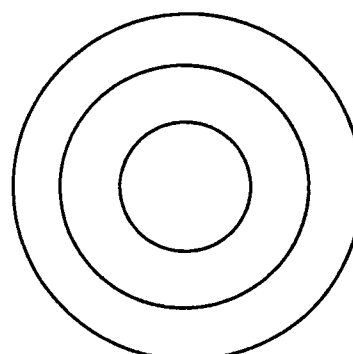
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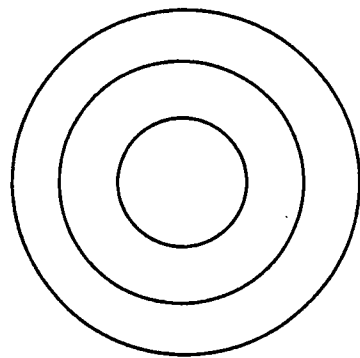
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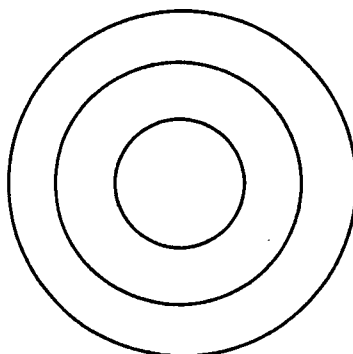
**An age**



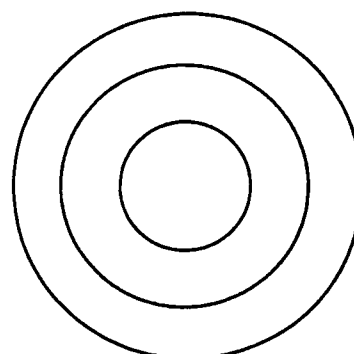
**An exact number**



**A numeral between  
100 & 500**



**A date**



**A number written  
in words**

# Namesake Weightlifting

Are you the "Namesake" weightlifting champion of 2000/2002? Here's how to find out:

- Write your first name on a sticky note.
- Use the Letter Value Chart to figure out how many pounds your name is worth. Use a calculator, if needed.

A = 1

B = 2

C = 3

D = 4

E = 5

F = 6

G = 7

H = 8

I = 9

J = 10

K = 11

L = 12

M = 13

N = 14

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U = 21

V = 22

W = 23

X = 24

Y = 25

Z = 26

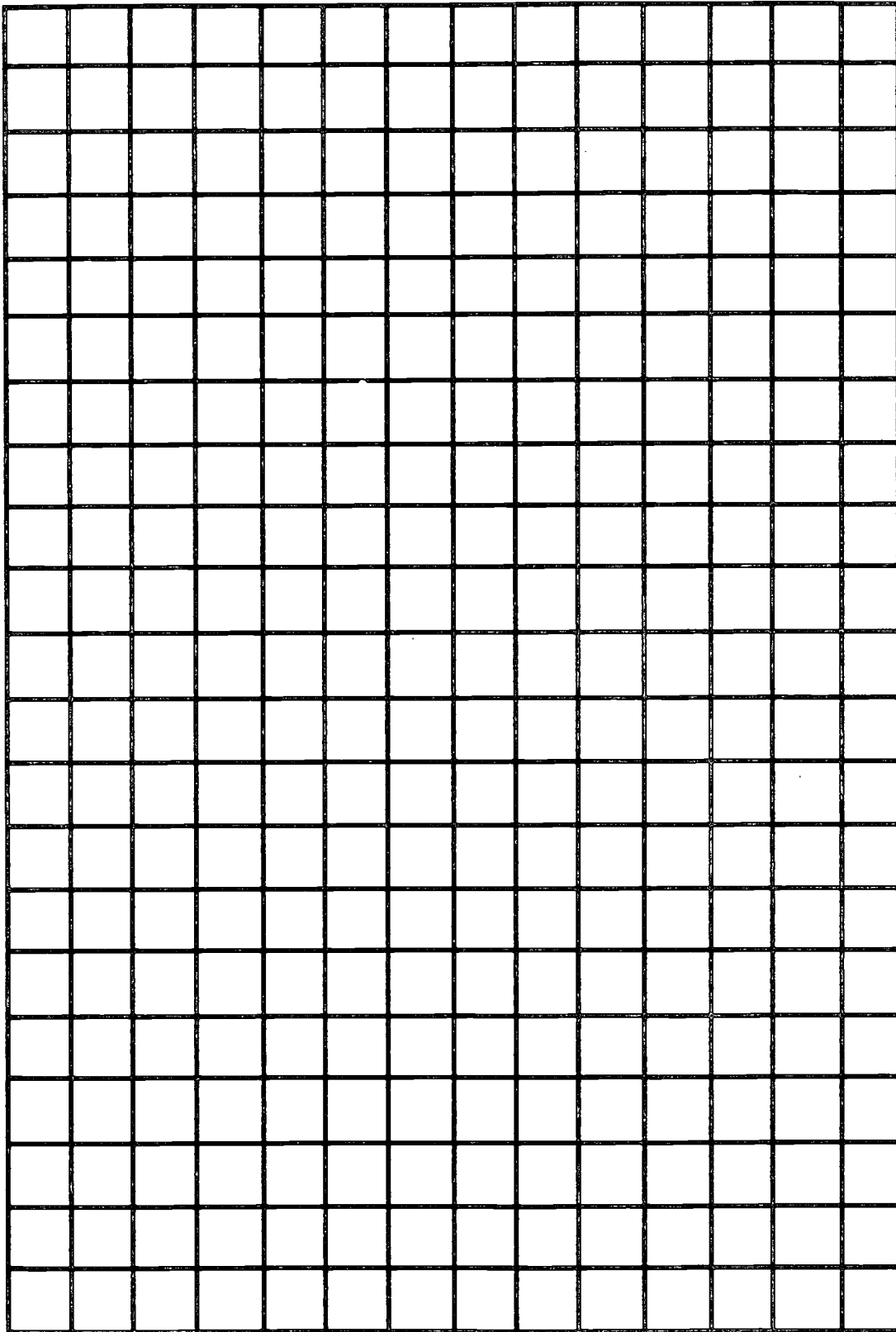
- Use the grid paper to cut out a bar that represents the value of your name. Use tape, if needed.
- Put your bar on the graph.
- Compare yours with those of the other participants.

If your bar is the tallest one on the graph, you are the **NAMESAKE WEIGHTLIFTING CHAMPION** of our school!!!!

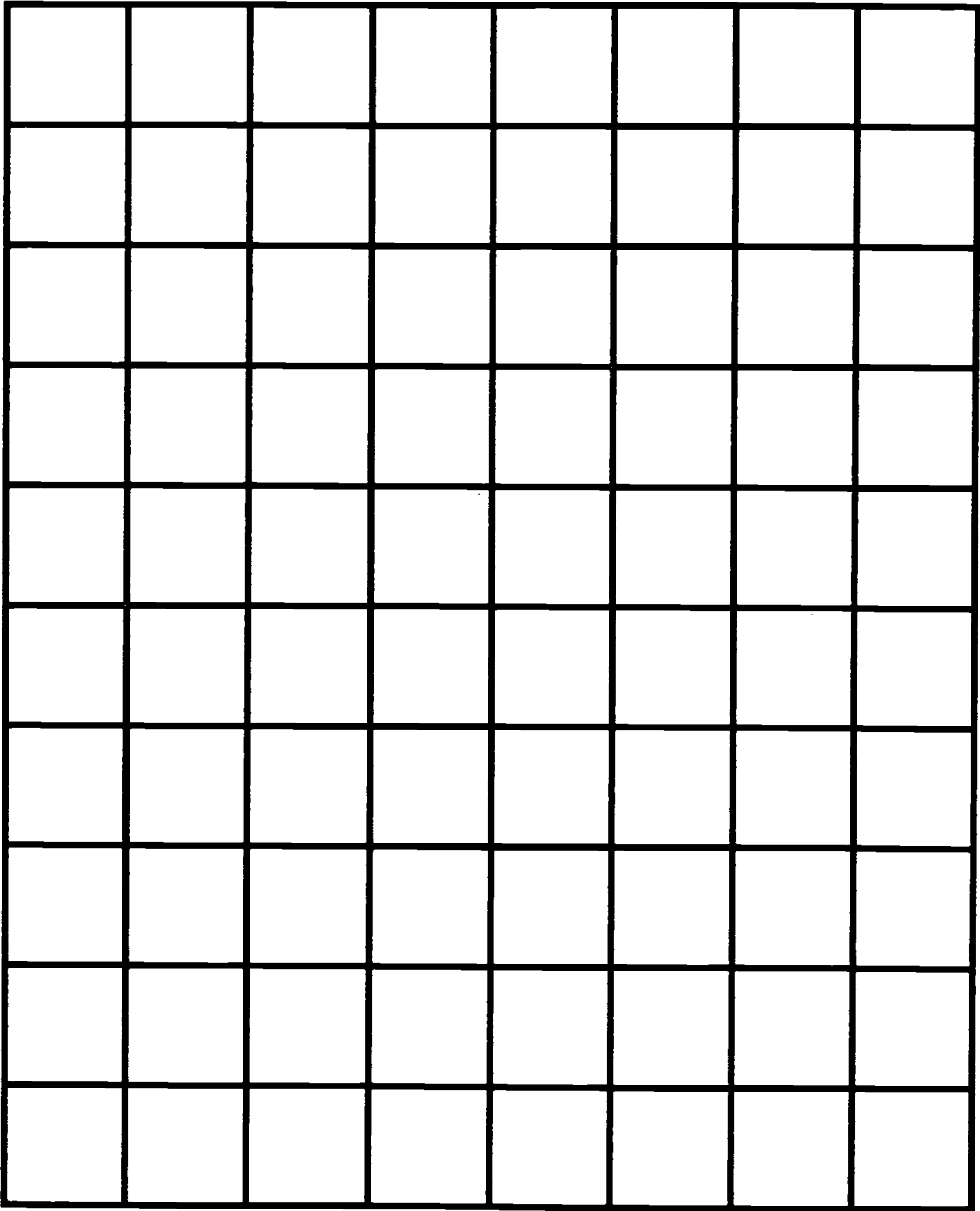
***Congratulation!! Hurrah!! Bravo!!***



# CENTIMETER GRID PAPER



# *Two-Centimeter Grid Paper*



# HANDFUL HANDBALL

How much can your hand hold? Do you think it's a lot or a little? Here's your opportunity to check it out.

- Get a sticky note. BE CAREFUL -- one color is for adults and one for students. Get the right color!
- Select one of the four plates of items.
- Estimate how many you think you can pick up in ONE HANDFUL. Write your name and your estimate on the sticky note.
- Pick up one handful. Count them.
- Write the actual amount that you picked up on your sticky note and draw a circle around it.
- Put your sticky note on the chart.
- Get another sticky note and move to the next plate. Repeat the steps above.
- Be sure to use what you learned the previous plate(s) to help you with your estimate for this one.
- Keep going until you have tried all four plates.

# Broad Jump Battle

Welcome to the Battle of the Broad Jump!! Take a look at the track. How far do you think you can jump?

- Measure the length of your estimate.
  - Write it down on the recording sheet next to "Jump One."
  - Now step up to the jump line and JUMP!!
  - Have your partner help you measure the actual length of your jump.
  - Record it on your sheet.
  - Compare your estimate to your actual jump.
  - Think!!!
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- Now estimate the length of your second jump and record it. Will your estimate be closer to your actual jump? Why do you think that?
  - Okay...jump!
  - Measure and record. Think!! Compare!!
- 
- Now repeat the steps above again.
  - Record a point for every estimate on your sheet that is within five centimeters of the actual jump.



# Broad Jump Battles Record Sheet



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Jump Number	Jump Estimate	Actual Jump	Points Scored
<b>Total Points Scored</b>			

# HUNDRED CHART

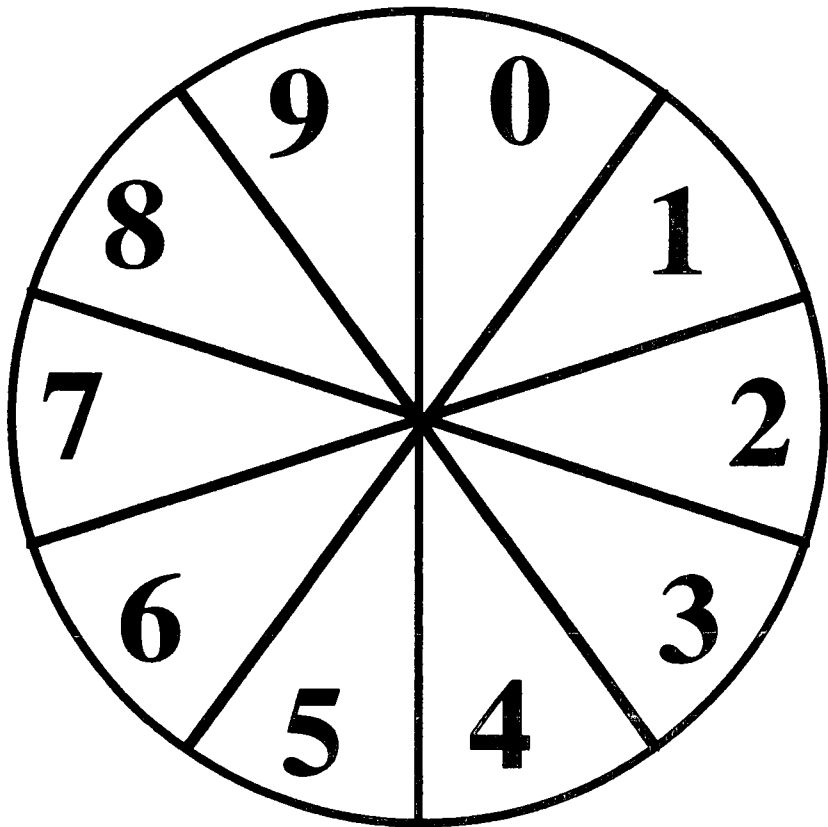
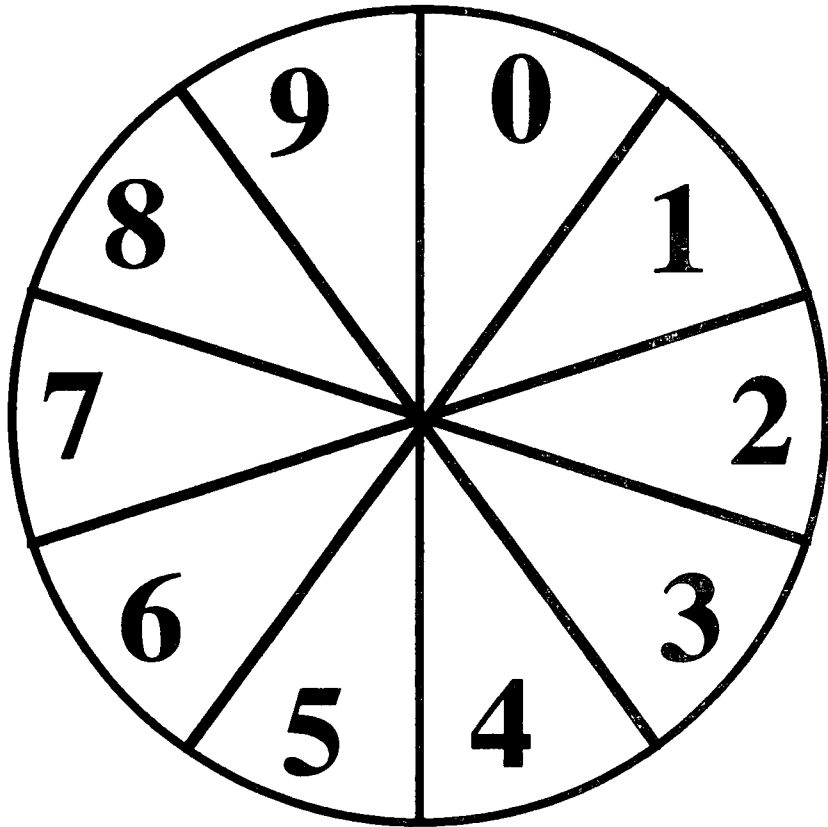
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41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

## ***SUBTRACTION DASH***

**Materials:** 0-9 spinner      paperclip      calculator  
pencil                      paper

### **Directions:**

- Spin the spinner three times to make a three-digit number.  
(If you roll a 4, a 5, and 6, you can make 456 or 465, 546, 564, 645, or 654. It's up to you!)
- Write the number on a piece of paper so that both players can see it.
- Each player spins the spinner twice to get the number he or she will use as a constant.
- Both players push "clear" on their calculators and enter the 3-digit number written on the paper and count down "3...2...1...Go!"
- The players each enter "-" and the two-digit number he or she got on the spinner.
- Each player hits the equal sign (=) repeatedly and counts the number of "hits" it takes to get to or past zero. The first there (with the least number of hits) is the winner and scores a point for that round.
- Repeat the steps to play 4 more rounds. The grand winner is the person with the most points after five rounds.



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# CALCULATOR NIM KAYAKING

## Row to 13 (Players share a calculator.)

- Clear the calculator so it displays "0".
- Players take turns adding a 1 or 2 and pressing "=".
- First player to 13 wins. If a player goes over, he loses.

## Down the Falls (Players share a calculator.)

- Clear the calculator so it displays "0".
- Enter a two-digit number.
- Players take turns subtracting 1, 2, or 3 and pressing "=".
- First player to zero exactly wins. Going into negative numbers (-3, for example) means you lose.

## 2000 Olympic Meet (Players share a calculator.)

- Clear the calculator so it displays "0".
- Enter "2000" on the calculator.
- Players take turns subtracting any number from 1 to 99 on each turn.
- The player who reaches zero EXACTLY wins!!

## Your Event (Players share a calculator.)

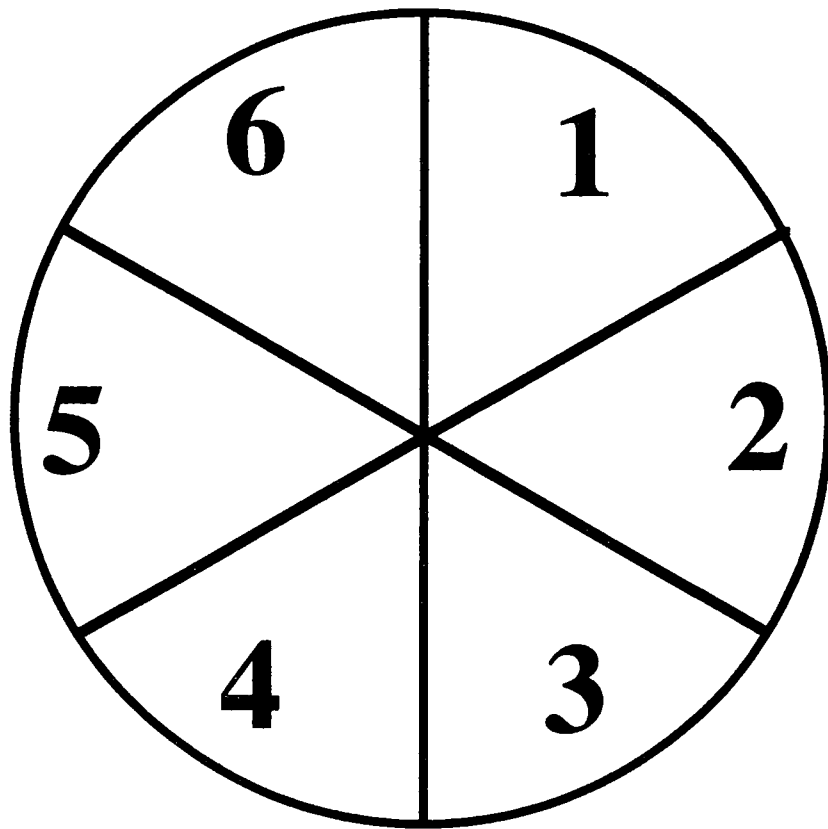
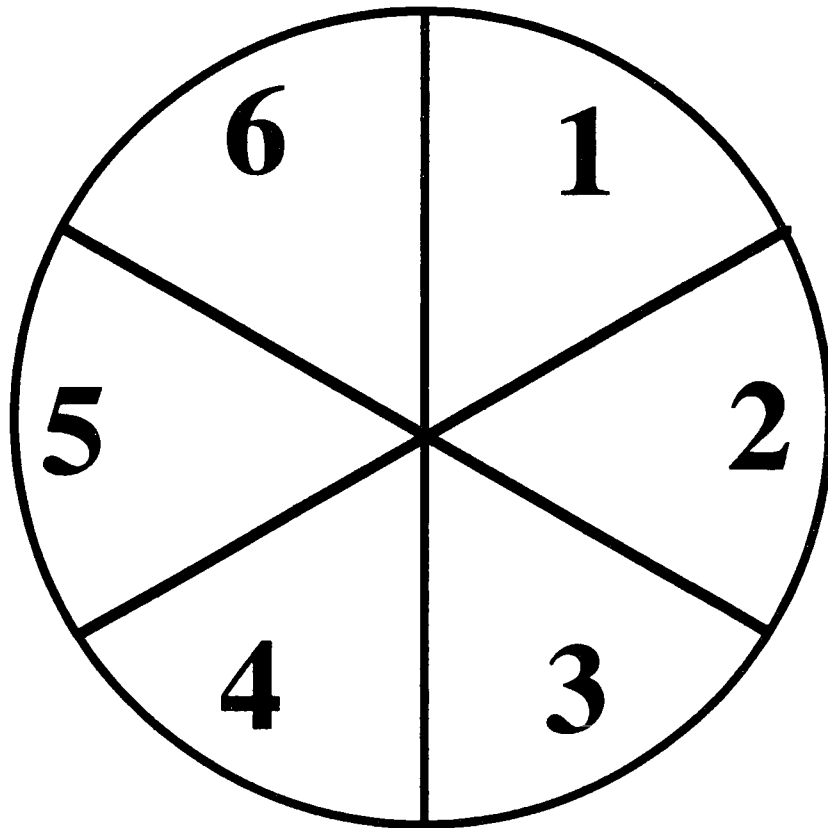
- Make up your own game and rules.
- Choose an operation and starting number.
- Play to win but play fairly!

# DICE DRESSAGE

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**SPINNER SAILING**

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# CALCULATOR CYCLING

This is a bingo game in which the players choose the pairs of factors to try to place four markers in a row horizontally, vertically, or diagonally in order to win the game.

- One each turn, the player select two factors and predicts which product they will make.
- The player uses the calculator to verify his or her answer, and, if correct, places the chip on the square.
- The first player to have four markers in a row horizontally, vertically, or diagonally, wins the game.

Factor Choices								
7	13	24	16	33	18	3	47	29

203	1363	39	329	752	377
48	384	231	528	91	594
234	957	72	126	1617	312
54	792	208	882	168	696
464	21	522	432	99	141
1128	87	611	112	288	429

## Best Guess

### Rules

- Students use the "Student" list of problems. Adults use the "Adult" list of problems.
- Each player estimates the answer to Problem 1 in his or her list. Be sure to write down your estimate. You should decide how much time to allow for each estimate.
- Now use a calculator to determine the correct answer. The player whose estimate is closest gets one point. Continue with the rest of the problems using the same rules.

#### Student List

1.  $500 - 26$

2.  $70 - 18$

3.  $420 - 63$

4.  $634 - 15$

5.  $80 - 41$

6.  $515 - 60$

7.  $93 - 34$

8.  $100 - 25$

#### Adult List

1.  $500 \div 26$

2.  $700 \div 18$

3.  $4200 \div 63$

4.  $634 \div 15$

5.  $8000 \div 41$

6.  $5150 \div 60$

7.  $930 \div 34$

10.  $1000 \div 25$

# ***SESSION THREE***

## ***Estimation and Calculators***

# ***ESTIMATE AND VERIFY***

## **Task One**

Open up your sock drawer. Estimate the number of socks it contains. Write down your estimate. Now count them (and maybe even make them neater). Write down the exact answer. Were you close?

<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Exact Amount</b>

## **Task Two**

Look in your toy chest, Gameboy collection, or whatever special stuff you have. About how many do you have? Write down your estimate. Now count them. Were there more than you thought?

<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Exact Amount</b>

## **Task Three**

Go to the kitchen. Fill a bowl with Cherrios, Rice Chex, or some other cereal that has even pieces. Estimate how many you poured into the bowl. Write down your estimate. Now count them (and taste them). Were you close? Are they good? Enjoy!

<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Exact Amount</b>



# ADDITION DASH

Materials: 0-9 spinner      paperclip calculator  
              pencil                    paper

## Directions:

- Spin the spinner three times to make a three-digit number. (If you roll a 4, a 5, and 6, you can make 456, 465, 546, 564, 645, or 654. It's up to you!)
- Write the number on a piece of paper so that both players can see it. This is your target number.
- Each player spins the spinner twice to get the two-digit number he or she will use as a constant.
- Both players push "clear" on their calculators and enter "+" and his or her constant number. Together they count down "3...2...1...Go!"
- Each player hits the equal sign (=) repeatedly and counts the number of "hits" it takes to get to or past the target number. The first there (with the least number of hits) is the winner and scores a point for that round.
- Repeat the steps to play 4 more rounds. The grand winner is the person with the most points after five rounds.

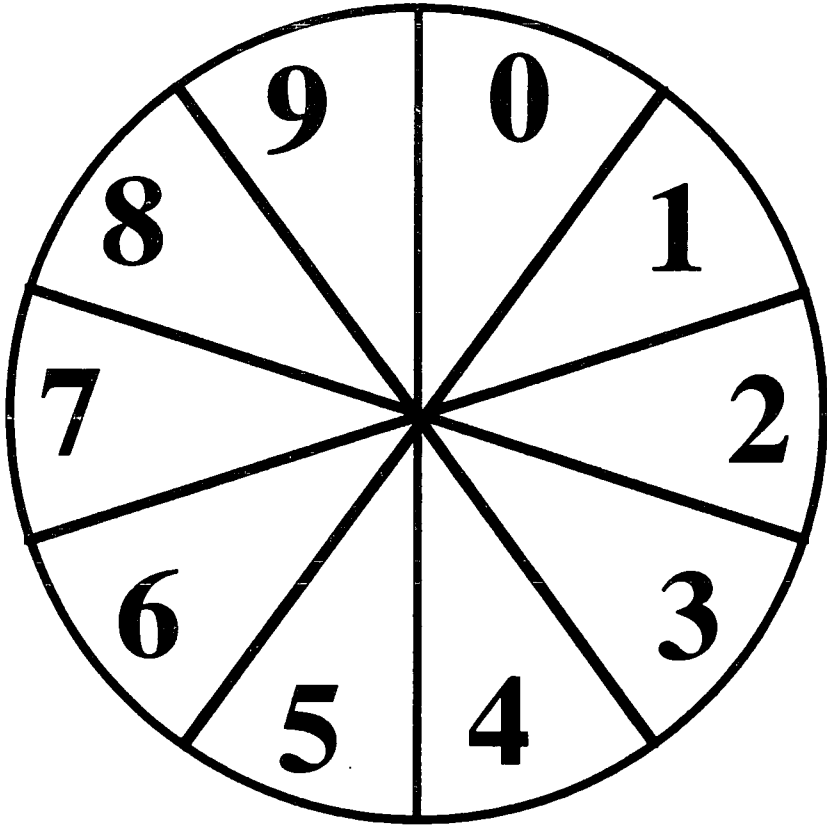
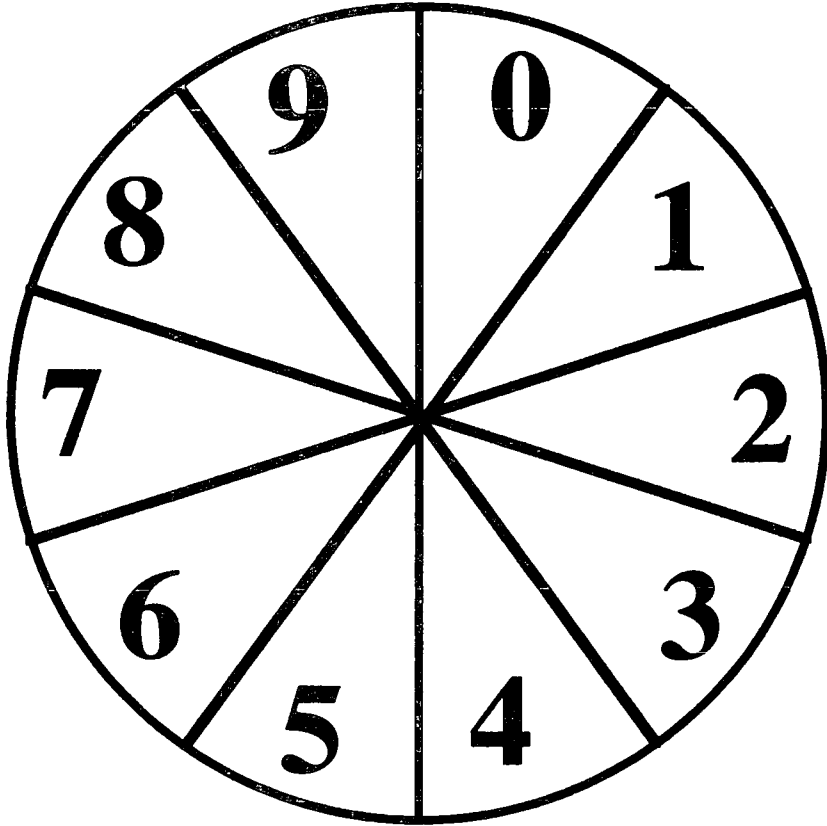
Variations: Change the number of digits in the target.  
Use multiplication instead of addition.

## ***SUBTRACTION DASH***

**Materials:** 0-9 spinner      paperclip      calculator  
pencil                      paper

### **Directions:**

- **Spin the spinner three times to make a three-digit number.**  
(If you roll a 4, a 5, and 6, you can make 456 or 465, 546, 564, 645, or 654. It's up to you!)
- **Write the number on a piece of paper so that both players can see it.**
- **Each player spins the spinner twice to get the number he or she will use as a constant.**
- **Both players push "clear" on their calculators and enter the 3-digit number written on the paper and count down "3...2...1...Go!"**
- **The players each enter "-" and the two-digit number he or she got on the spinner.**
- **Each player hits the equal sign (=) repeatedly and counts the number of "hits" it takes to get to or past zero. The first there (with the least number of hits) is the winner and scores a point for that round.**
- **Repeat the steps to play 4 more rounds. The grand winner is the person with the most points after five rounds.**



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## Bull's-Eye

### Rules

- Decide how much time to allow for each estimate.
- Each player estimates the answer to Problem 1 and writes down that estimate.
- Then use a calculator to get the exact answer.
- The player whose estimate is closest to the exact answer gets one point.
- Complete the rest of the problems using the same rules.

1.  $4298 \div 62$

6.  $1352 \div 25$

2.  $2385 \div 15$

7.  $3000 \div 4$

3.  $7777 \div 65$

8.  $600 \div 26$

4.  $345 \div 6$

9.  $3284 \div 28$

10.  $4254 \div 83$

10.  $9136 \div 32$

# ***CALCULATOR NIM KAYAKING***

## **Row to 13** (Players share a calculator.)

- Clear the calculator so it displays "0".
- Players take turns adding a 1 or 2 and pressing "=".
- First player to 13 wins. If a player goes over, he loses.

## **Down the Falls** (Players share a calculator.)

- Clear the calculator so it displays "0".
- Enter a two-digit number.
- Players take turns subtracting 1, 2, or 3 and pressing "=".
- First player to zero exactly wins. Going into negative numbers (-3, for example) means you lose.

## **2000 Olympic Meet** (Players share a calculator.)

- Clear the calculator so it displays "0".
- Enter "2000" on the calculator.
- Players take turns subtracting any number from 1 to 99 on each turn.
- The player who reaches zero EXACTLY wins!!

## **Your Event** (Players share a calculator.)

- Make up your own game and rules.
- Choose an operation and starting number.
- Play to win but play fairly!

# CALCULATOR CYCLING

This is a bingo game in which the players choose the pairs of factors to try to place four markers in a row horizontally, vertically, or diagonally in order to win the game.

- One each turn, the player select two factors and predicts which product they will make.
- The player uses the calculator to verify his or her answer, and, if correct, places the chip on the square.
- The first player to have four markers in a row horizontally, vertically, or diagonally, wins the game.

Factor Choices								
7	13	24	16	33	18	3	47	29

203	1363	39	329	752	377
48	384	231	528	91	594
234	957	72	126	1617	312
54	792	208	882	168	696
464	21	522	432	99	141
1128	87	611	112	288	429

# ***SESSION FOUR***

## ***Data Collection and Probability***

# **Math Olympics 2000/2002 - Session 4**

## **Topic: Data Collection and Probability**

### **Warm Ups**

Nametags  
Estimation Jar  
Birthday Graph  
Coin Flip Wrestling - Is It Fair?  
Bean Bag Decathlon  
Rocks, Paper, Scissors

### **Welcome Back**

Welcome  
Share homework results from participants

### **Activities**

How Likely Is It?  
Mystery Data  
Favorite Color Fencing  
Mystery Bag Boxing - Which Do I Have? Which Do You Have?  
Spinner Olympics - Is It Fair?

### **Homework**

No Homework - this is last session

### **Closure**

Review of warm ups, hand out prize(s) for estimation jar  
Hand out Certificates of Participation  
Evaluation of Program



**Math Olympics 2000/2002 - Session 4**  
**Topic: Data Collection and Probability**  
**(Intermediate Grades)**

**Description of Activities and**  
**Preparation for Session Events**

**Set Up of Room**

The room in which you hold Math Olympics 2000/2002 should be large: the cafeteria, the media center or library, or an open area. You will need tables centered before an overhead projector for participants to sit at during the main activities of the sessions. You will also need tables around the outskirts of the room for the Warm Up activities at the beginning of the evening. You will want a table for the Nametags near the door. You may also want a refreshment table if you plan to break halfway through the night for refreshments.

You may want to place baskets or boxes on each table that hold the materials needed for the main activities of the evening. Think about how best to organize your materials to eliminate “down-time” while waiting to dispense supplies.

**Warm Ups**

*(The Warm Ups should go very well tonight  
as participants are used to the routine.)*

**Nametags**

Set up the Nametag Table with individual nametags so that everyone participating (leaders, children, and parents) has his or her name visible for others to see.

Display the sign for the Nametag Table that encourages people to sign. Make a Sign-In Sheet, if desired, to keep track of who attends.

As the parents and children arrive, have one leader greet them and point them toward the Nametag Table. Have colored markers available for the participants to write their names on the nametags.

After they sign in, encourage families to move to the other centers to begin exploring the warm-up activities.

### **Estimation Jar**

Each week fill the estimation jar (a quart mayonnaise jar or larger) with one kind of item (small dog biscuits, superballs, jar breakers, Hershey Kisses, etc.). Count the items prior to the night of the event, write the number of items in the jar on a piece of paper and tape it to the inside of the lid of the jar.

Display the sign for the “Estimation Jar” at a warm-up center.

Encourage participants are to record their estimates of how many of the item chosen for that week are in the jar.

Place pencils and pieces of paper near the jar on which participants can write their estimates and name. Place a basket near the jar in which participants can place their estimates.

### **Birthday Graph**

Hang a big piece of bulletin board paper or use a chalkboard. Make the basic set up for a pictograph of Birthday Months. Label the 12 months and have cut-out shapes or packages for each person to label with his or her name and place on the graph to show their birth month. If you want to compare male and female birthday’s, use two different color cut-outs.

### **Coin Flip Wrestling - Is It Fair?**

Adult and student flip coins in a game and decide if it is a fair game.

### **Bean Bag Decathlon**

Hang bulletin board paper and create the frame of a double bar graph for participants to post their results. Each pair posts their results as a double bar. Run 2-centimeter grid paper for participants to create their portion of the graph. Parent and student compete trying to toss a bean bag into a trash can. They post their results on a double bar graph with students using one color marker or crayon and parents another.

### **Rocks, Paper, Scissors**

Participants will play the game “Rocks, Paper, Scissors” and record their results. Later the group will discuss the strategies they found effective and how probability played a part in their winning or losing.

## **Welcome Back**

### **Welcome Back and Homework Check**

Gather your participants to the tables centered in front of the overhead projector. Welcome them back with “Olympic” enthusiasm and reintroduce all leaders involved in the program.

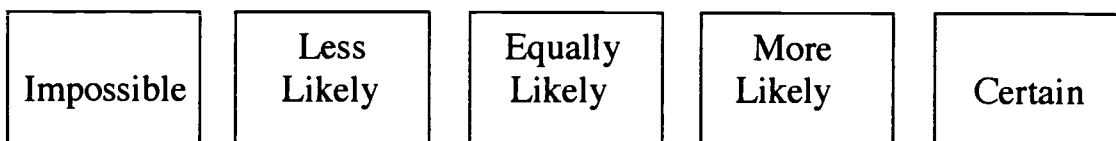
Ask if any of the participants have any feedback to share from the homework last week. Did any sock drawers get amazingly neat and organized? Allow participants time to share, if desired.

Explain that the focus of this session is Data Collection and Probability. Tonight we will be doing activities that model for us how often we rely on probability and data collection in everyday life. Just getting dressed in the morning involves probability. What are the chances of rain today? If the room is dark, what are the odds I will pull matching socks out of my drawer? The odds are with you if you cleaned out the drawer last week! Remind the participants that they have already employed probability and data collection in the warm-ups!

## **Activities**

### **How Likely Is It?**

Display the five signs across the chalkboard or wall in the front of the room to make a continuum:



Show the group one of the statements included in the Support Materials for this session:

*There are adults and students in this room.*

*Your teacher will never assign homework again!!*

*You will have fun tonight.*

*Someone in this room will live on another planet in the future.*

Ask the group to decide where each should go on the continuum from Impossible to Certain. Discuss. Then give each pair of participants two blank sheets of paper. Ask them to write a statement on each that would fit somewhere along the continuum. Have each pair present their statements and allow the group to decide where to hang each.

Talk about how we use this kind of thinking each day in our lives. *Should I take an umbrella? What are the odds our High School team will win the championship? Will I pass the test if I do not study?*

**Mystery Data (Taken from Measuring Up - Prototypes for Mathematics Assessment, Mathematical Science Education Board, National Research Council, National Academy Press, Washington, D.C. 1993)**

In this activity, participants are given five unlabeled line plots. Using only the shape of the data and some questions, they must identify what information each graph shares. Allow time for the pairs to work. Then share their reasoning and decisions.

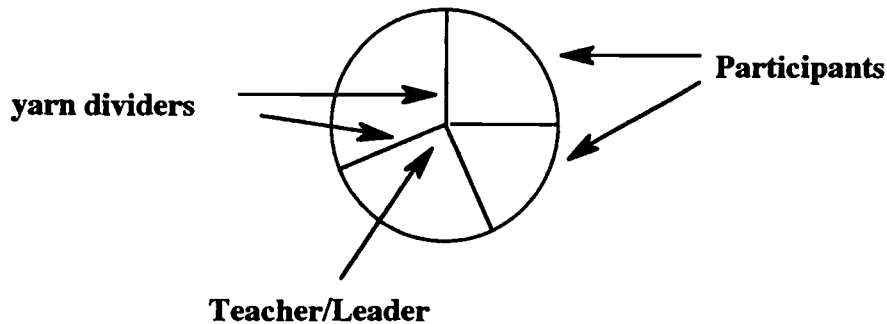
### **Favorite Color Fencing**

Display a variety of colored paper. Ask each participant to pick up one piece of their favorite color. Then lead them to an open area. Take long pieces of yarn and extra colored paper (optional).

Ask the participants to group themselves by color (all the reds together, the blues, etc.). Then ask them to stay together as a group, hold their paper in their hands, and join the other groups to make a circle around you. Explain that you are the center point of the circle. Ask them to stand shoulder-to-shoulder so the circle is closed. As the participants standing at the point where two groups meet to hold

one end of a piece of yarn while you hold the other. Do this with each point where two groups meet.

This forms a human circle graph. It is a concrete representation of data. Discuss why one group is larger than another.



Ask questions such as:

*About how many more people like red than green?*

*Are they any parts of our graph that are equal?*

*What fractional part of our graph is yellow? Blue?*

*Could we write a number sentence to describe this graph?*

Instruct your participants to place their paper on the floor at the spot where they are standing. Ask the people holding the yarn to place it on the floor (or use masking tape to mark where the yarn would be). Have everyone step back so they can see the pictorial circle graph made from the human graph. You may fill in each section of the graph with the extra colored paper that matches, if you like (optional) to make it more realistic.

If you have a computer available and a way to display it for the group, put the data from the circle graph into the computer and display this graph again, but this time it is an abstract representation of the data. Discuss how all three are very similar, just different sizes and made up of different materials.

### **Mystery Bag Boxing - Which Do I Have? Which Do You Have?**

In this probability activity, participants must determine the color of the contents of a bag **without** looking inside the bag. They collect data by taking samples from the bag, construct a circle graph of their results, and then try to find the other pair of people in the room that have a bag with the same color contents as they have.

Pairs match up and **THEN FINALLY** look inside the bags to see if their predictions are correct.

Prior to Session 4, put 8 cubes, chips, or paper squares in bags to so that you have pairs of bags with identical contents. Use the same four colors in all bags. Just vary the number of the various colors from set to set. For example:

Set A has 2 red, 2 green, 2 yellow, 2 blue

Set B has 4 red, 1 green, 1 yellow, 2 blue

Set C has 7 red, 0 green 0 yellow, 1 blue

and so on.....

Do not mark the bags in any way.

Distribute the bags randomly to the pairs in your group. Prior to handing them the bags, make them promise **NOT** to look in the bag.

Explain that each bag may have some green cubes (chips, or whatever), some blue, some red, and some yellow. Ask how we could figure out how many of each color is in the bag if we cannot dump it out or look in it. Elicit from the participants that we could take a sample by drawing one cube out and replacing it and then repeating this many times.

Discuss how many times we would have to pull from the bag to get an accurate picture of the contents. Have the pairs pull about 20 times and record their results on paper. A recording sheet is included in the support materials for this session if you want to use it. Your participants could use a blank piece of paper to record their data just as easily.

Ask the participants to use this data to begin to predict the color contents of their bag. Then do the following:

Distribute the blank circle graph or the circle graph with the 20 parts depending on the needs of your group. Ask your participants to construct a spinner on the circle graph that, if used in a game, would probably give the same results as they got from their bag. Provide crayons or markers for them to use.

Once the graphs are completed, ask the pairs to stand up. Ask one member of each group to hold the **CLOSED** bag (We **STILL** haven't looked inside!) and the other to hold up the graph so that all the other participants can see it. Have the pairs use

their spinners to try to find the other pair that most likely has the same color combination in their bag as they have.

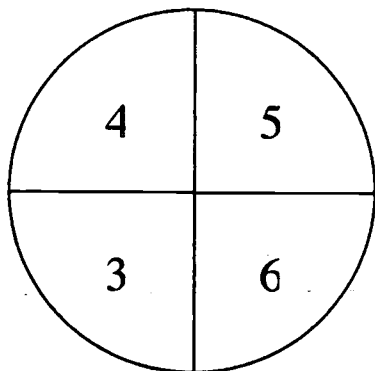
Discuss why some pairs may have difficulty finding their matching pair. Once all pairs have matched up (or some have been unable to find a match, have the pairs open up their bags to check their predictions. Discuss the results. What fractional part of their contents were red? Was it more or less than half? How do you know? Did their graphs truly represent the contents of the bags? Why or why not?

Have matching pairs combine their data to see if the total gives a more accurate picture of the contents of their bags. Discuss size of sample and its importance in data collection.

Allow participants time to react to the investigation. Discuss how it combined problem solving, data collection, probability, fractions, and reasoning in one activity. Reinforce the idea that this is how students need to be able to use math in today's world: not rote learning but application of arithmetic, mathematical thinking, and reasoning.

### **Spinner Olympics - Is It Fair?**

Display an overhead transparency of the "Spinner Olympics" game sheet. Review the rules of the game. Distribute paperclips, pencils, and blank paper for participants use and allow time for them to play and discuss the game. Have students and adults share their conclusions about the game and how they would change it.



Note: The game is not fair. Even has three times as many ways to win as odd:

Even Products

- $3 \times 4 = 12$
- $3 \times 6 = 18$
- $4 \times 3 = 12$
- $4 \times 4 = 16$
- $4 \times 5 = 20$
- $4 \times 6 = 24$
- $5 \times 4 = 20$
- $5 \times 6 = 30$
- $6 \times 3 = 18$
- $6 \times 4 = 24$
- $6 \times 5 = 30$
- $6 \times 6 = 36$

Odd Products

- $3 \times 3 = 9$
- $3 \times 5 = 15$
- $5 \times 3 = 15$
- $5 \times 5 = 25$

One possible way to make it fair is to change the rule to odd and even sums. One player gets a point if the sum is odd. The other player gets the point if the sum is even. There is an equal chance of rolling odd or even. That makes the game fair:

Even

- $3 + 3$
- $3 + 5$
- $4 + 4$
- $4 + 6$
- $5 + 3$
- $5 + 5$
- $6 + 3$
- $6 + 6$

Odd

- $3 + 4$
- $3 + 6$
- $4 + 3$
- $4 + 5$
- $5 + 4$
- $5 + 6$
- $6 + 3$
- $6 + 5$

## Homework

(There is no homework and no packet since this is the last night of the program.)



## Closure

### **Review each of the warm ups.**

**Birthday Graph:** Have participants discuss the data displayed on the graph. Is there one month that has many more birthdays than others? Male birthday versus females?

**Coin Flip Wrestling:** Was it a fair game? How do you know? Would you change it? Why or why not?

**Bean Bag Decathlon:** Review the double bar graph. Is there a consistent pattern of performance between the students and the parents? What do you notice? Discuss. Who is the best Bean Bag Decathlon Athlete?

**Rocks, Paper, Scissors:** What did the data tell you about this old, old game? Is there a strategy that works consistently. Let the participants decide.

**Estimation Jar:** (During the evening have one leader sort through the estimation responses and select the best one or two estimates.) Talk about strategies the participants used to arrive at their estimates. Announce the winner of the Estimation Jar contest and give them a prize (I Love Math button, math pencil, etc.).

**Certificate Ceremony:** Congratulate the participants for their efforts over the last four weeks. Remind them of some of the terrific moments you shared. Explain that each participant will receive a Certificate of Participation for having **ACTIVELY** participated each night. Call each participant to the front of the room to receive his or her certificate.

**Evaluation of Program:** Distribute the evaluation forms to each person attending. Ask that they complete it honestly so that you will know what works and what needs to be changed.

**Farewells and Thanks:** (You can handle this!)

***Congratulations! You did it! Great job! We hope you had as much fun as the participants did!***

# **THINGS TO DO BEFORE SESSION FOUR**

## **Supplies to Gather or Purchase**

nametags  
colored markers or crayons  
pencils  
baskets for collecting estimates and surveys  
estimation jar  
contents for estimation jar  
small pieces of paper for estimation responses  
birthday graph symbols (two colors)  
bulletin board paper for graphs  
blank paper  
masking tape  
paperclips  
chart paper  
coins  
clear tape  
yarn  
colored paper (a variety of colors)  
paper bags  
colored cubes, chips, or squares of paper for Mystery Bags (red, blue, green,  
and yellow)

## **Things to Make**

Signs for centers (Estimation, Nametags, Birthday Graph, Coin Flip  
Wrestling, Bean Bag Decathlon, and Rocks, Paper, Scissors)  
Fill Estimation Jar  
Large graph for Birthday Graph  
Large graph for Bean Bag Decathlon  
Birthday shapes, if not already cut

## **Papers to be copied for use DURING Session 4**

Coin Flip Wrestling  
Grid Paper for Bean Bag Decathlon  
Rocks, Paper Scissors Scoresheet  
Single copies of the "How Likely" signs  
Single copies of the "How Likely" statements

**Papers to be copied for use DURING Session 4 (continued)**

Mystery Data Graph Sheet  
Mystery Data Answer Sheet  
Mystery Bag Tally Sheet  
Blank Spinner – for Mystery Bag (or)  
20-Slot Spinner – for Mystery Bag  
Spinner Olympics – Is It Fair?  
Math Olympic Certificates of Participation (on colored paper)  
Evaluation Forms

**Overhead Transparencies to Make for use DURING Session 4**

Mystery Data Graph Sheet  
Mystery Data Answer Sheet  
Mystery Bags  
Spinner Olympics – Is It Fair?

# Session Four

√ Support Materials

√ Masters of activities sheets

√ Masters of Overhead  
Transparencies

√ Master of Home Packet

# ***BIRTHDAY GRAPH***

Get a tag and put your name on it. Place it on the graph to show the month of your birthday.

# ***Coin Flip Wrestling***

## ***(Is It Fair Competition?)***

**Materials:**

**2 coins - one for each player**

**Rules:**

**Both players flip a coin.**

**If the coins land the same (both heads or both tails)  
the adult gets a point.**

**If the coins land differently (one heads and one tails)  
the student gets a point.**

**Play the game for at least twenty rounds. Record your  
results below. Then decide:**

**Is it a fair game?**

**Do both players have an equal chance of winning?**

**Be prepared to explain your thinking!!**

<b>Both Heads or Both Tails</b>	<b>One Heads and One Tails</b>

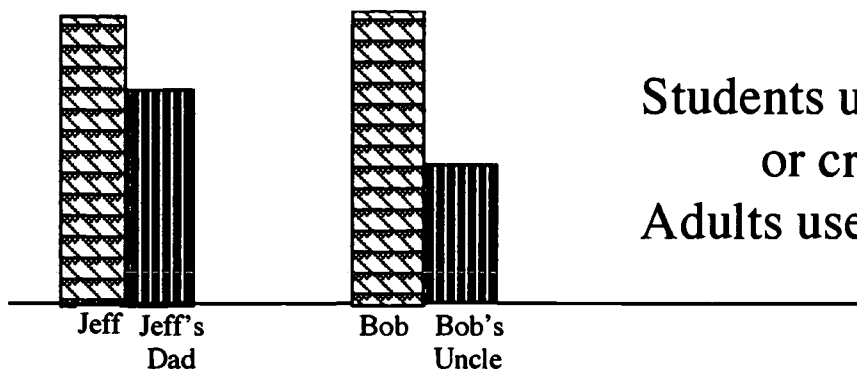
# BEAN BAG DECATHLON

In this game, adults compete against students to make as many baskets as possible with a bean bag and a trash can.

## Game Rules:

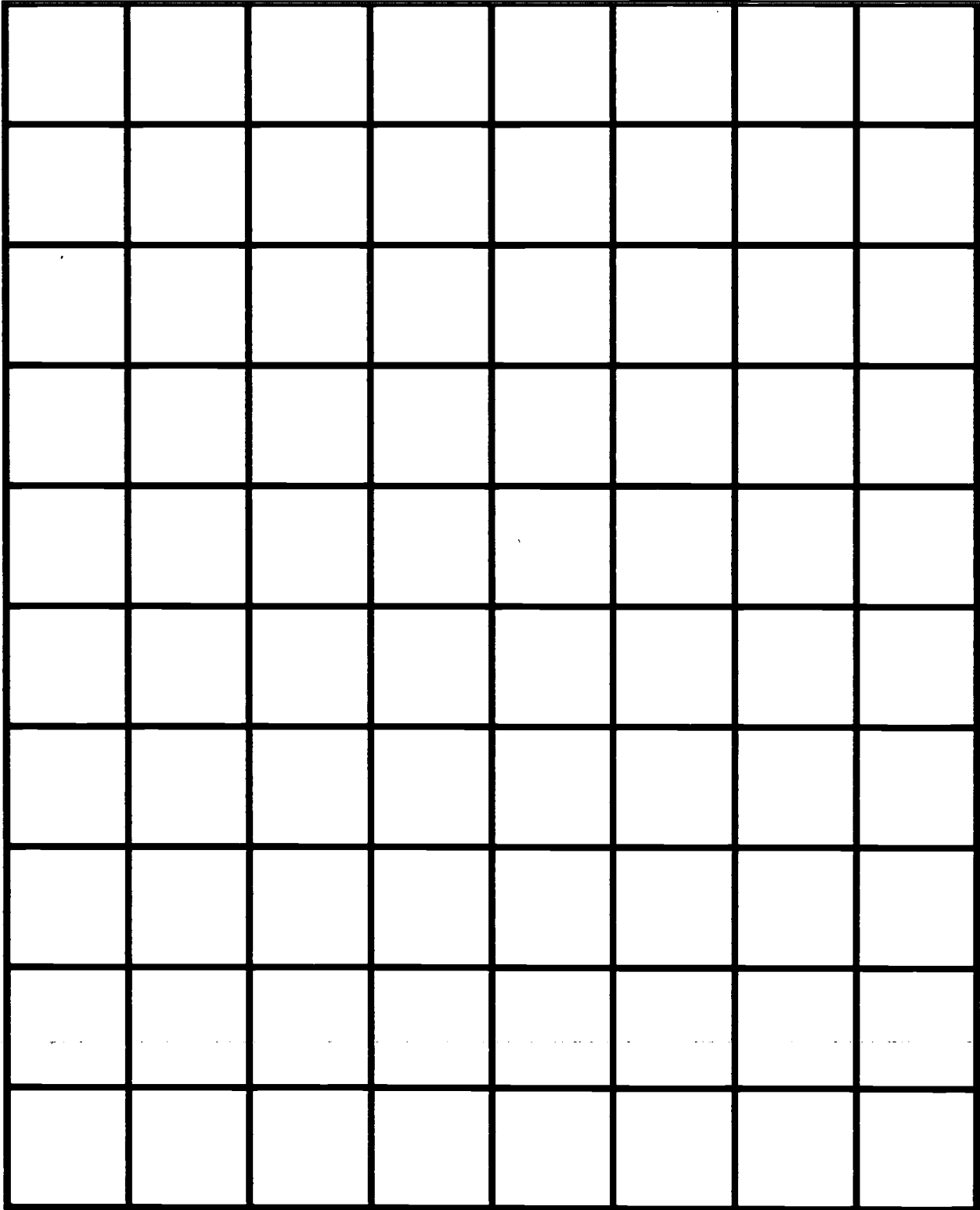
- Both players must stand behind the shot line when shooting.
- No one may interfere with a player's shot.
- Students face the basket (aka trashcan) and shoot.
- Adults turn their back to the basket and shoot over their shoulder.
- Each player gets three practice shots before beginning competition.
- If the adult makes the first three shots, he or she must shoot the next seven with eyes closed.
- Each player is responsible for keeping track of the score.

When you have finished your competition, grab some grid paper and make a double bar for the group graph. Hang your results and compare with other pairs.



Students use red marker  
or crayon.  
Adults use blue.

# *Two-Centimeter Grid Paper*





# ***ROCKS, PAPER, SCISSORS***

## **Game Rules:**

- Players face each other each holding one hand out in front of him or her.
- Each player hold his/her hand in a fist and shakes it saying “Rocks, paper, scissors.”
- As scissors is said, each player has three choices:
  - keep the hand in a fist (meaning rock)
  - hold the hand open and flat (meaning paper)
  - hold the hand in partial fist with two fingers sticking out (meaning scissors).

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## **Scoring:**

A player gets one point each time he or she wins a round.

<b>If players show:</b>	<b>Then:</b>
paper & rock	paper wins (paper covers rock)
paper & scissors	scissors win (scissors cut paper)
rock & scissors	rock wins (rock breaks scissors)

Use the score sheet to keep track of not only *who won* but also *what item won*.

Be prepared to discuss your strategy for winning. Did it work? Be ready to share.

# ***PAPER, ROCKS, SCISSORS SCORESHEET***

<i>Player's Name</i> _____			
<b><i>Number of Games Won</i></b>	<b><i>With Rocks</i></b>	<b><i>With Paper</i></b>	<b><i>With Scissors</i></b>

<i>Player's Name</i> _____			
<b><i>Number of Games Won</i></b>	<b><i>With Rocks</i></b>	<b><i>With Paper</i></b>	<b><i>With Scissors</i></b>

# Impossible

# Less Likely

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# Equally Likely

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# More Likely

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# Certain

**There are  
adults and  
students in this  
room.**



**Your teacher  
will never  
assign  
homework  
again!!**

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**You will have  
fun tonight.**

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**Someone in  
this room will  
live on another  
planet in the  
future.**



# ***MYSTERY DATA***

Look at the five graphs on the next page. Each graph show something about a classroom of fourth graders.

Which of the five graph do you think shows:

- a. The number of cavities that the fourth graders have?

Graph \_\_\_\_\_

- b. The ages of the fourth graders' mothers?

Graph \_\_\_\_\_

- c. The heights of the fourth graders, in inches?

Graph \_\_\_\_\_

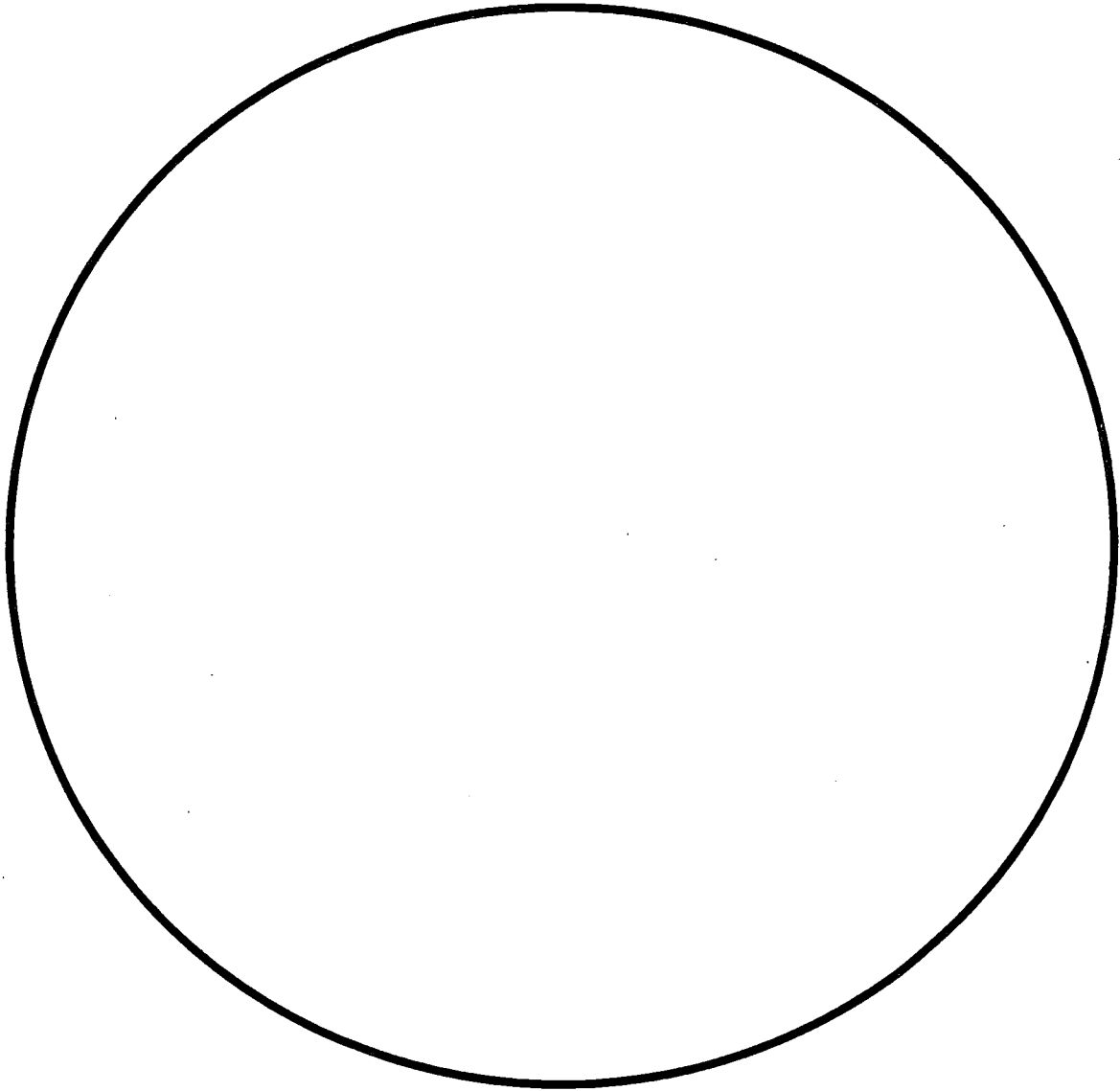
- d. The number of people in the fourth graders' families?

Graph \_\_\_\_\_

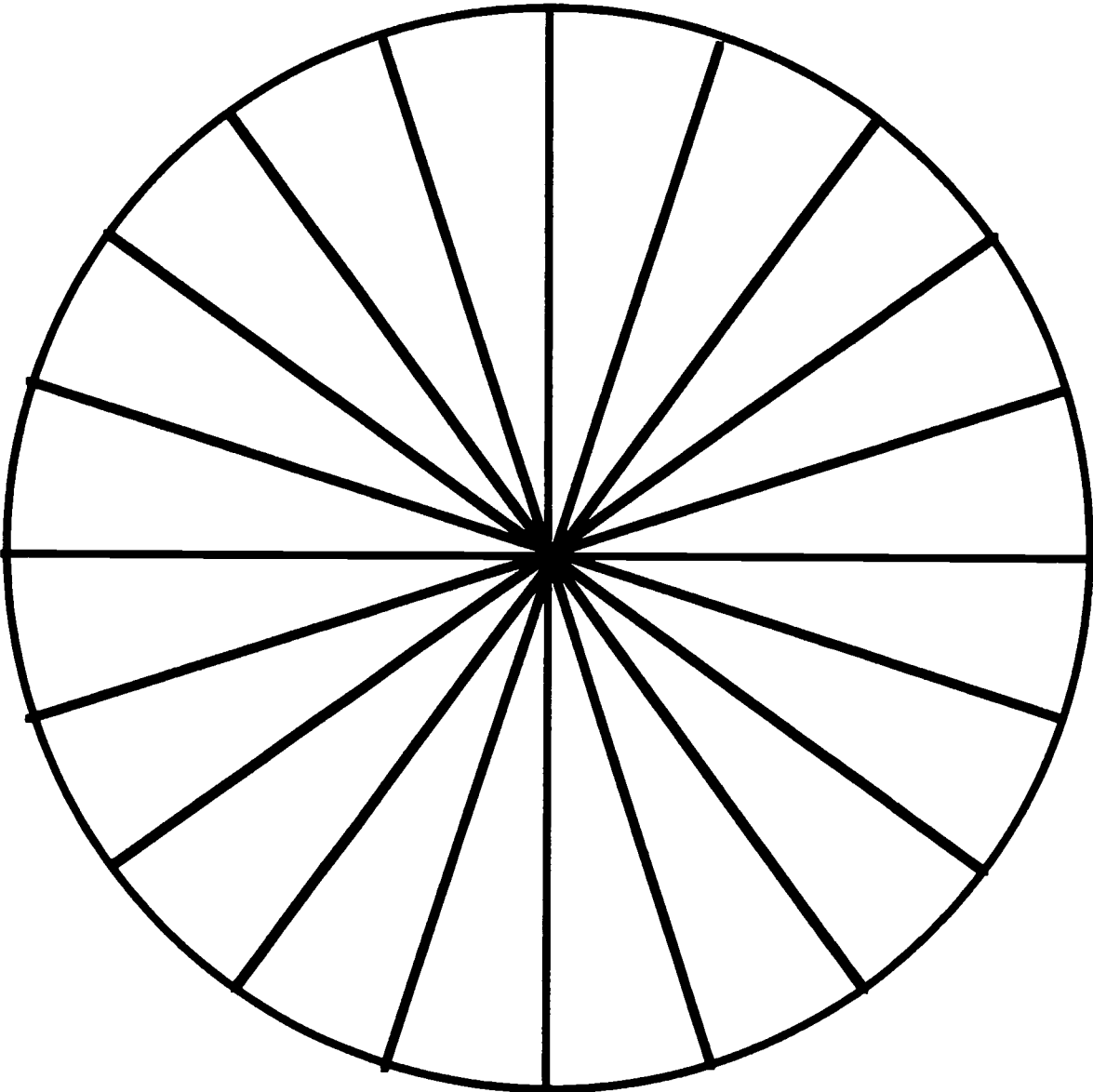
Be ready to explain your reasoning. For example, why do you think that the graph you picked for c is the one that shows the heights of fourth graders? Why do you think the other graphs don't show the fourth graders' heights?

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# MYSTERY BAG TALLY SHEET

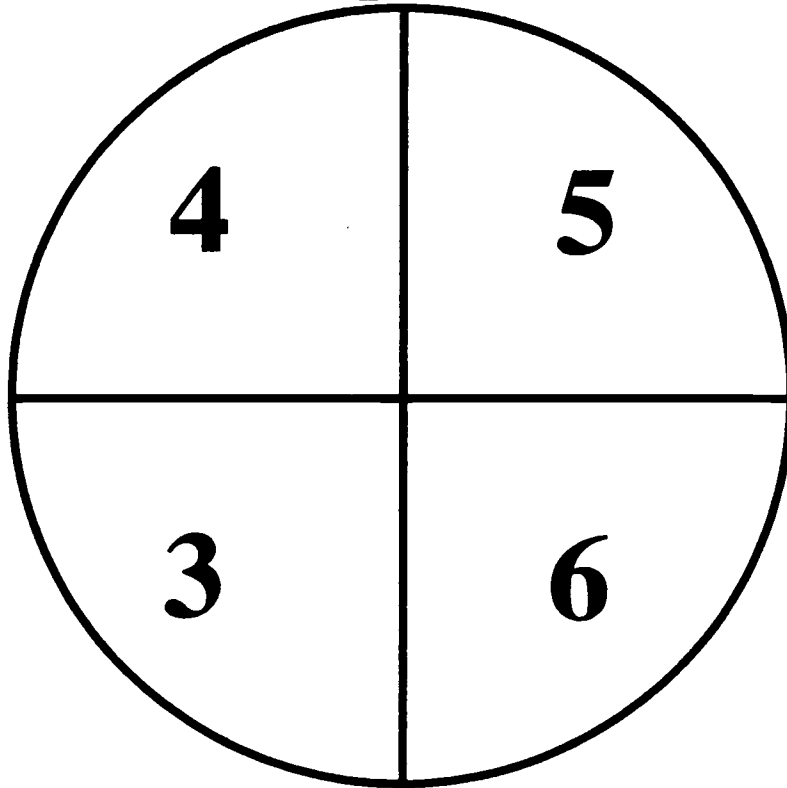
# ***MYSTERY BAG BOXING***



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# *Spinner Olympics - Is It Fair?*



## Game Rules:

- Players take turns.
- On each turn a player spins twice and multiplies the two numbers.
- If the product is EVEN, the student gets a point.
- If the product is ODD, the adult gets a point.
- Record your results for at least 20 turns.

## THEN:

Discuss with your partner whether this is a fair game or not. Do both players have an equal chance of winning. Why or why not?

If the game is not fair, how would you change it to make it fair? Be ready to share your ideas.

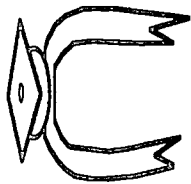
# ***MATH OLYMPICS 2000/2002 EVALUATION***

My favorite part of *Math Olympics* is . . .

If I could change one thing about *Math Olympics*, I would change . . .

Would I recommend *Math Olympics* to a friend?  
 Yes    No   Why?

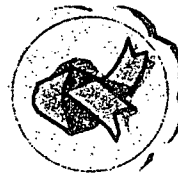
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**This certifies that**

\_\_\_\_\_ **has successfully completed the Math Olympics**  
**2000/2002**

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 200\_\_



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