# Algebra Geometry Institute summer 2007

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### **EQUIVALENT FRACTIONS**

#### **TEACHING OBJECTIVE:**

The student will be able to model equivalent fractions through the use of fraction models.

#### **MATH CONCEPTS:**

Finding Equivalent Fractions Comparing Fractions

#### **INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

- $\Rightarrow$  Explain to students that we will be discussing equivalent fractions today.
- $\Rightarrow$  Tell students that equivalent fractions are fractions that represent the same part of a whole.
- $\Rightarrow$  Tell students that we will learn new and more motivating ways to find equivalent fractions.
- $\Rightarrow$  Ask each student to open the bag that's on their desk.
- $\Rightarrow$  Tell everyone to get a Hershey candy bar.
- ⇒ Tell students to open the package without breaking the candy. (Teacher will have extras if broken)
- $\Rightarrow$  Tell student that a fraction contains two parts:
  - The denominator- the total number of equal parts.
  - $\circ$  The numerator- the total number of parts used.
- $\Rightarrow$  Ask students what is the total number of parts of the candy bar? (12)





- $\Rightarrow$  Tell student to eat or take away 2 pieces.
- $\Rightarrow$  Ask student what fraction of the candy bar did we take away?  $\frac{2}{12}$
- $\Rightarrow$  Ask student what fraction of the candy bar is left?  $\frac{10}{12}$



- $\Rightarrow$  Tell student to take  $\frac{4}{12}$  of the remaining candy bar away.
- ⇒ Ask student what is the fraction of the pieces taken away from the entire candy bar?  $\frac{6}{12}$  or  $\frac{1}{2}$
- ⇒ Ask student what is the fraction of the pieces of the remaining candy bar?  $\frac{6}{12}$  or  $\frac{1}{2}$



- $\Rightarrow$  Ask student what is another way to show  $\frac{6}{12}$  as a fraction?  $\frac{3}{6}, \frac{2}{4}$ , or  $\frac{1}{2}$
- $\Rightarrow$  Tell student to explain their answers.
- $\Rightarrow$  Explain to students that these fractions are called equivalent fractions.
- $\Rightarrow$  Answer all questions by students clearly.
- $\Rightarrow$  Have students to take the fraction pieces out of the bag that's on their desk.
- $\Rightarrow$  Tell students to create a model that shows  $\frac{3}{6}$ ,  $\frac{2}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , and  $\frac{6}{12}$  are equal fractions.

- $\Rightarrow$  Have students explain their models.
- $\Rightarrow$  Clear all misunderstandings.
- $\Rightarrow$  Have students to create a model to show a fraction that equals to  $\frac{4}{12}$ .



- ⇒ Explain to students how these are equivalent fractions even though the denominators are different.
- ⇒ Give students two fractions, and have the students create models using the fraction pieces to show equivalent fractions for each of the fractions.

$$\frac{2}{3}$$
 and  $\frac{10}{12}$ 

- > Allow students time to model their equivalent fractions.
- Clear all misunderstandings of students.
- Ask students, How does one compare fractions with unlike denominators through the use of fraction models?
- Allow time for students to respond.
- Tell students when comparing fractions through the use of fraction models the largest fraction is the fraction model closer to a whole.
- ➢ Model an example.
- Example: Compare using <, >, or =

$$\frac{7}{12}$$
  $\bigcirc$   $\frac{2}{3}$ 

➢ Model with fraction models.



- $\succ$  Tell students to compare.
- $\succ$  Give students chance to respond.
- > Tell students to compare the two fraction models closely.



- > Answer all questions given by students.
- Tell students we will now get into groups according to their grouping chart.
- Explain to students they will be finding equivalent fractions and comparing fractions through the use of fraction models.
- Have groups create and draw 4 different fractions to show their equivalent fractions.
- Have groups order three sets of fractions from least to greatest.

$$\frac{7}{10} \frac{1}{10} \frac{3}{10}$$
$$\frac{3}{4} \frac{3}{5} \frac{3}{10} \frac{3}{12}$$
$$\frac{2}{3} \frac{2}{5} \frac{2}{7}$$

- Allow time for each group to finish.
- Have each group present their problems to the class with explanations.
- > Ask students if they have any questions.
- > Tell the students they all did a great job with today's lesson.

### **MATERIALS:**

Pencil Paper Fractions pieces Colored pencils Grouping chart Hershey candy bars

## ASSESSMENT

The teacher will observe the students to assess their understanding of comparing and finding equivalent fractions.