

# Understanding Common Core State Standards and Practices for Mathematics

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Good Morning,

Welcome! Our goal today is to provide an overview of the Common Core Standards and Practices for Mathematics to grow your understanding of the Common Core. Think about what you already know about the CCSS and be ready to apply it to solving a math problem.

Mathematically,

The Math Team



# Problem Solving

## Feeding Lizards and Frogs

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# What is the Common Core?

A single set of **clear standards** and **practices** for mathematics

**A tool** to help teachers, students and parents set clear and realistic goals for success

# The Common Core Standards and Practices...

**Prepare** students to succeed in college and the workforce

**Ensure** that every child—regardless of race, ethnicity or zip code—is held to the same high standards and learns the same material

**Provide** educators with a clear, focused roadmap for what to teach and when

What Parents Should Know

# The Standards and Mathematical Practices

## **The Connecticut Core Standards**

### **The “WHAT” we learn:**

The concepts and skills we want the students to understand by the end of the school year.

## **The Standards of Mathematical Practice**

### **The “HOW” we learn:**

The practices are all about processes and proficiencies, and describe a variety of dispositions that we want for our students.

They are habits of mind that we develop in our students, which are woven into everyday instruction.

# Key Shifts in Mathematics

Greater focus on fewer topics

Coherence-linking topics and thinking across grade levels

Rigor: Pursue conceptual understanding, procedural skills and fluency, and application with equal intensity

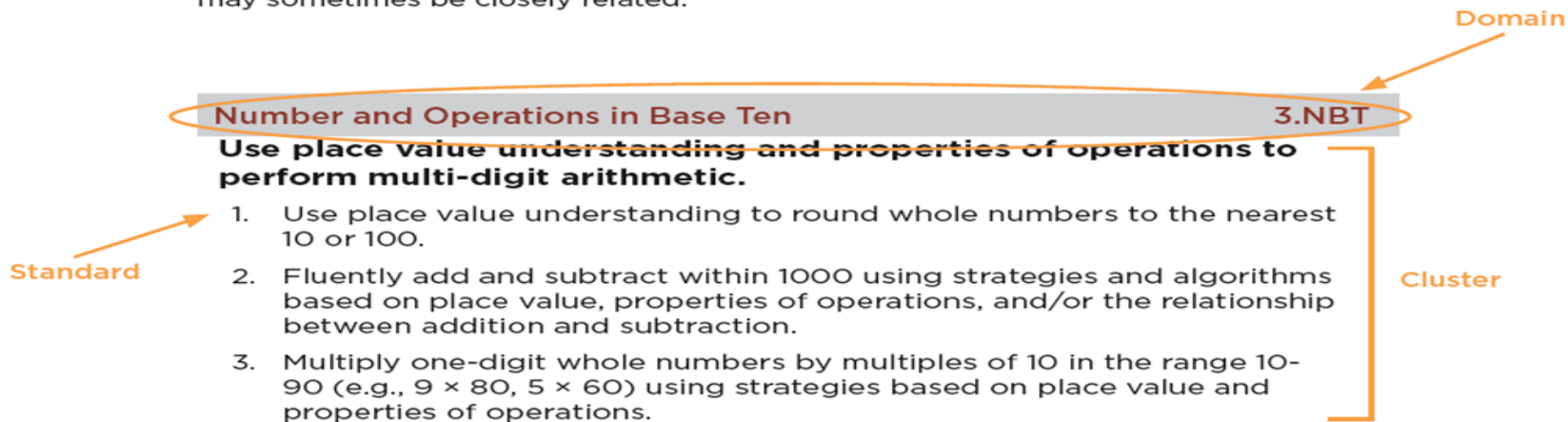
# Mathematics Common Core Layout

## How to read the grade level standards

**Standards** define what students should understand and be able to do.

**Clusters** are groups of related standards. Note that standards from different clusters may sometimes be closely related, because mathematics is a connected subject.

**Domains** are larger groups of related standards. Standards from different domains may sometimes be closely related.





# K-5 Content Standards by Domain

DOMAINS	Counting & Cardinality	Operations & Algebraic Thinking	Number & Operations in Base Ten	Measurement & Data	Geometry	Number & Operations: Fractions
K	X	X	X	X	X	
1		X	X	X	X	
2		X	X	X	X	
3		X	X	X	X	X
4		X	X	X	X	X
5		X	X	X	X	X

# Content Priorities and Progression

K-2 Addition and subtraction concepts, skills and problem solving and place value

3-5 Multiplication and division of whole numbers and fractions- concepts, skills and problem solving

# Progression~Operations and Algebraic Thinking

1.0A-Tamika caught 5 fish, Sari caught 4 fish, Sam caught 8 fish. Together how many fish did they catch? Explain your thinking to a friend.

2.0A-Nathan found 35 spider webs in his backyard. Justin found 14 more spider webs than Nathan in his backyard. How many spider webs did Justin find? How many spider webs do they have altogether? Show your thinking.

3.0A-Xavier had 4 times as many stamps in his collection as Shannon did. If they had 100 stamps altogether, how many more stamps did Xavier have than Shannon? How many stamps did Shannon have? How do you know?

# Mathematical Practices

## K-5

1

Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.



2

Reason abstractly and quantitatively.



3

Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.



4

Model with mathematics.



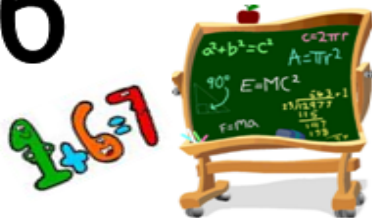
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Use appropriate tools strategically.



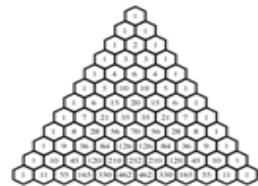
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Attend to precision.



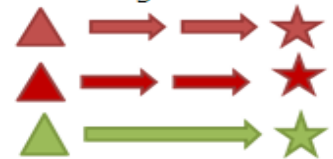
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Look for and make use of structure.



8

Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.



# What practice(s) did you apply and how?

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# Resources

Common Core State Standards Initiative

Parent Roadmaps

# Next Steps

## **Future Workshops**

Welcome to Kindergarten-December 15th

Understanding Math in Your Child's Classroom-January  
12th

Summer Fun with Mathematics- May 10th

## **Exit Slip**

Questions, Comments

# Glad you were here...



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