# Math Milestones

The math of your grade on a single page

Welcome! Share in the chat:

- Name, Role/Title, Location
- What are you hoping to learn about today?

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# Change your Zoom name to the GRADE-LEVEL you would like to participate in breakouts today.



## **About Student Achievement Partners**

At SAP we design actions based on evidence that substantially improve student achievement.

We design and share evidence-based literacy and mathematics guidance and resources that center students, particularly those who experience racial, cultural, or linguistic inequities. We do this because we believe that education can be reimagined and redesigned to eradicate inequity. Achieving this vision requires the perspectives of many, so we work in partnership with content experts, policy makers, and educators to design practical tools and resources that support teachers and students.

## Your Hosts Tonight from the Math Milestones Team



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## Webinar Agenda

- The Purpose of Math Milestones
- Explore a Math Milestones Grid
- What they are/aren't
- Tour of the Resources
- Opportunities for Engagement



## What problem are we trying to solve?

- As a teacher, I want to
  - know what's most important to teach at this grade level.
  - know what assets student bring from prior years that I can build on while teaching grade level math this year.
  - have a clear picture of how to help students with unfinished learning.
- How do I think about grade-level math while also considering language supports and opportunities to build identity and agency in my students?
- Change "answer getting" habits to "learning by making sense" habits.

NOT summative assessment; designed to prompt rich and revealing discussion

## Standards need example Tasks

Milestones complement Standards. Standards should set targets, priorities...help us see what's more important and less. But they seem like a list of topics to cover. Yet 'covering' is the disease, not the cure. We need examples.

Tasks prompt us to think about students "doing" the mathematics...students as they learn.

Milestones puts the most important mathematics of the grade level on a single page as a grid of tasks. The richness is in the students' thinking which becomes the topic worth talking about.

## Milestones lift student thinking out of dependency on the implicit scaffolds of the lessons

When students work on problems in their curriculum, their work is heavily scaffolded by the lesson and unit in which they are immersed. If it is a lesson on 'division', they assume they are going to divide without even having to read the problem. They assume each problem is like the last.

What students learn inside their curriculum is *heavily dependent on the lesson's implicit scaffolds*. Too often, the learning doesn't transfer or connect to a coherent system of knowledge: mathematics. In other situations it is uncertain, easily confused; it fades. Deep learning means the student can *transfer and connect new knowledge to old*.

Milestones transcend the implicit scaffolds of a curriculum and *lift* student thinking into the grade level mathematics itself. Milestones give you a lens to see student thinking, using their mathematics in most important kinds of problems of the grade level.

## Our Theory of Action WHAT F

If we use the Math Milestones to...

- Engage students in learning grade-level, relevant, and meaningful mathematics.
- Build students' sense of self belief as critical thinkers and doers of mathematics.
- Make intentional and effective decisions about prioritizing learning.
- Discover student assets and use them to teach grade-level mathematics.

HOW

We will be better able to create opportunities for students to...

- Develop a habit of reasoning about relevant. grade-level math.
- Learn to use language for academic purposes.
- Develop a sense of belonging and a strong math identity.

students will...

## WHY

- Experience academic success,
- **Understand** their own and others' culture,
- Develop a social consciousness, and
- **Thrive** in a world of constant change.

Develop academic language

Understand the progressions of grade-level mathematics

Building students' mathematical identity

## What are the **Math Milestones?**



## Looking at the grid for your grade level

READ—don't solve—as many of the tasks on your grade-level grid. [5 min]

CHOOSE one task and solve it. [5 min]

DISCUSS with your small group. Capture key ideas on the padlet. [5 min]

How do you envision using Math Milestones in your role?

## What are Math Milestones?

Math Milestones Are	Math Milestones Are Not
Visualization of grade level mathematics	Curriculum Map <ul> <li>Scope and Sequence</li> <li>Check list</li> </ul>
Cognitively demanding	Assessment
Low floor - high ceiling tasks	<ul><li>Summative</li><li>Pre/Post Test</li></ul>
Entry point for student thinking	<ul> <li>Placement</li> </ul>
Asset identifier	<ul> <li>"Gap" identifier</li> </ul>

# Tour of the Resources

Grids, Teacher Notes, Student Handouts, and Interview Protocol

HOW TO NAVIGATE THE SITE

Home Team







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## **Elements of Teacher Notes**

3:2 Hidden Rug Design

#### Math Milestones

The picture shows a dog sleeping on a rug.

The rug design is a rectangular array of squares with a dot in each square.

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### Central math concepts

Idea behind early multiplication work, which is that for two whole numbers A and B, the expression  $A \times B$  means the total number of objects in A groups of B objects each. Applying this idea to the rug design, if we think of each row as a group, then there are 15 groups with 12 objects in each group; equivalently, if we think of each column as a group, then there are 12 groups with 15 objects in each group. Taking the second point of view, the number of dots must be equal to 12 x 15—even if we don't know what number that is

There's an almost magical power in being able to write an expression for the total number of dots without being able to see all of the dots. Wielding that power requires some willingness on the part of the student to view an expression like 12 × 15 not just as a calculation problem (what is the value of 12 × 15°) but also as a representation problem that involves recognizing the uses and meanings of multiplication. Each factor in the expression 12 × 15° but be connected to particular features of the context. This is one important way in which elementary-grades students "look for and make use of structure" (CCSS MUP).

Below are four expressions. One expression equals the total number of dots in the rug design. Which expression equals the total number of dots in the rug design? Tell how you decided. 12 = 14, 11 = 14, 12 = 15, 11 = 15

#### Answer

12 × 15 Explanations may vary but should involve the idea that 12 × 15 means the total number of objects in 12 groups of 15 objects each or, equivalently, the total number of objects in 15 groups of 12 objects each (The number of groups and the pumber of objects in each group depend on whether we view the group as a collection of columns of a collection of stars)

for a student-facing version

### Relevant prior knowledge

multiplication with whole numbers



begin with reasoning that 12 × 15 is ten 15s plus two more 15's, then proceed from there. An implicit distributive property approach might be to break 12 × 15 into a sum, for example  $4 \times 15 + 4 \times 15 + 4 \times 15$ , then work to determine the value of  $4 \times 15$ .

 Students could consider a more intricate rug design in which there are 3 dots in each square. Given this design, what is a multiplication expression for the total number of dots? www.comstanting.

he Standards IP.2, MP.6, MP.7, Standard

to comparable standards. Aspect(s) of rigor: Concepts

### What is a central math concept?

### How might I use relevant prior knowledge?

# How might students drive the conversation further?

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## **Elements of Teacher Notes**

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Tasks 3:1 Volleyball Players, 3:4 Corn Seeds, and 3:9 Bulletin Board Pictures form a kind of survey of the essential early meanings of multiplication and division; the requested equation models can support learning about the relationship between the operations. Multiplication is useful in task 3:3 Length and Area Quantities.



### 3:2 Hidden Rug Design

**Teacher Notes** 

Anticipating and responding to student thinking about the task

magine how students might think about the task, and what you might see and hear while they work.

On this page, you can write your thoughts on the following questions.

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#### Solution Paths

- · What solution paths might you expect to see?
- What representations might you see? What correspondences between those representations might be noticed by students (or be worth pointing out to students) and discussed by them?
- What misconceptions or partial understandings might be revealed as students work on the task? How could you respond to these positively and productively?

#### Language

What might you expect to hear from students engaged with the task? What does that language reveal about their mathematical thinking, and how might you respond to different ways of thinking? Why is it important to know about related Math Milestones tasks?

How might I anticipate and respond to student thinking about the task?

# **Opportunities for Engagement**

## We Want You!

How do these resources work in classrooms?

What instructional resources might support teachers to integrate Math Milestones tasks into their instructional plans to complement the district curriculum?

This work will involve grade-level cohorts and the cultivation of resources including student artifacts, educator reflections, and more

## The Math Milestones Community

MM Users

MM Educator Network

MM Co-Designers

## Who We're Looking for as Co-Designers

Classroom environment that supports visible thinking Lesson design informed by students' prior knowledge and other assets

School environment supportive of innovative instructional design

Commitment to eliminating barriers for students

## Math Milestones Co-Designers

We're looking for teachers who want to help us co-design resources by trying out the tasks in SY 22-23 and collaborating with us to design supporting resources.

• July 19-21, 2022

Kick-off the co-design process with professional learning and intensive collaboration around the work.

• SY 2022-23

Monthly Network meetings with focus tasks to try out and share the results with your network colleagues.

December 2022 & June 2023
 Post the first sets of instructional resources to the website.



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Apply by May 15

Sign up on

our website

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## District, State and Partner Engagement Opportunities

More information to come!

Please reach out for further discussion:

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# Thank you!