## Data Management



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## POSE A CHALLENGE OR SITUATION

Scenario 1: Favourite Colours (K) - consider question/categories
Scenario 2: Birth Order (Gr. 5) - categories/definitions

## DEVELOP A PLAN TO GATHER DATA

Scenario 1: Favourite Colours (K)
different questions lead to different data
everyone must be asked the same questions
people may respond differently depending on choices offered people may respond differently at different times of the day

## GATHER DATA

## DISCUSS/THINK ABOUT/ORGANIZE DATA

Farmer MacDonald

## ANALYZE \& COMMUNICATE DATA

Scenario 2: (Gr. 5) - questioning the conclusions
Which Graph is Which?/Bath Tub Story/The Graph with the Real Story?


## DOES THE GRAPH TELL THE REAL STORY??????

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## Name the Graph



1. What do you think this might be the graph of? Put names and numbers ont he graph to show what you mean.
2. Write down everything you know from your graph.

## Farmer MacDonald

Farmer MacDonald decided to make a graph to show the number of animals on his farm. He must do some mathematical calculations before he can prepare his graph. Here is what Farmer MacDonald knows about his animals:

He has 12 cows
He has $1 / 2$ as many pigs as cows
He has 4 more chickens than pigs
He has 4 more sheep than chickens
Organize and display the data by creating a graph to represent Farmer MacDonald's animals. Explain how you organized the data.


## GUIDING GRAPHING EXPERIENCES

- Use information that interests students.
- Provide opportunities for students to collect their own data and decide how to best represent those data graphically.
- Consider alternate ways of graphically representing the same data. This includes changing the scales as well as the kinds of graphs.

- Present some data that are hard to digest or at least difficult to grasp without a graph.
- Pose questions that go beyond direct reading of graphs, and encourage students to both describe and interpret the information.


## STATISTICS

Most children in the 5th grade are 12 years old.
The median family income is $\$ 25,250$.
The average temperature today was $29^{\circ}$

- $\mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$
- start with the concrete before introducing computations as greater understanding results
- need to focus not only on the "HOW TO" but also "WHEN" is the information useful or "WHY" is it useful
- need to ascertain "WHICH" average is most appropriate for a given situation...mean, median, or mode ... CONTEXT MATTERS!!!!!



## AVERAGES

Measures of Central Tendency Measures of the Center

## Mode:

- the value that occurs most frequently in a collection of data
Median:
- the middle value in a set of data
- the same number of values are above as below the median
Mean:
- arithmetic average
- add up all the values involved and divide by the number of addends


## WHAT'S AVERAGE?

Each of the three kinds of average has strengths that make it a better typical measure for a given set of data than the other two. Decide which average, the mean, the median, or the mode, is best used for each data set shown below. Explain your choice.

1. Average salary in a large company.
2. Average test score for a student.
3. Average size of a cereal box in a grocery store.
4. Average price of a room in a hotel.
5. Average year of a car in a used-car lot.
6. Average monthly electric bill.

