

**Operations** 

**Properties of the Operations** 

**Basic Problem Interpretations** 

Computation

## DEVELOPING OPERATIONAL SENSE "MUSTS"

# $\begin{array}{l} \text{MODELLING WITH ...*PHYSICAL MATERIALS*} \\ \text{(CONCRETE} \rightarrow \text{ PICTORIAL} \rightarrow \text{ ABSTRACT}) \end{array}$

#### WITHIN A ...\*PROBLEM SOLVING CONTEXT\*

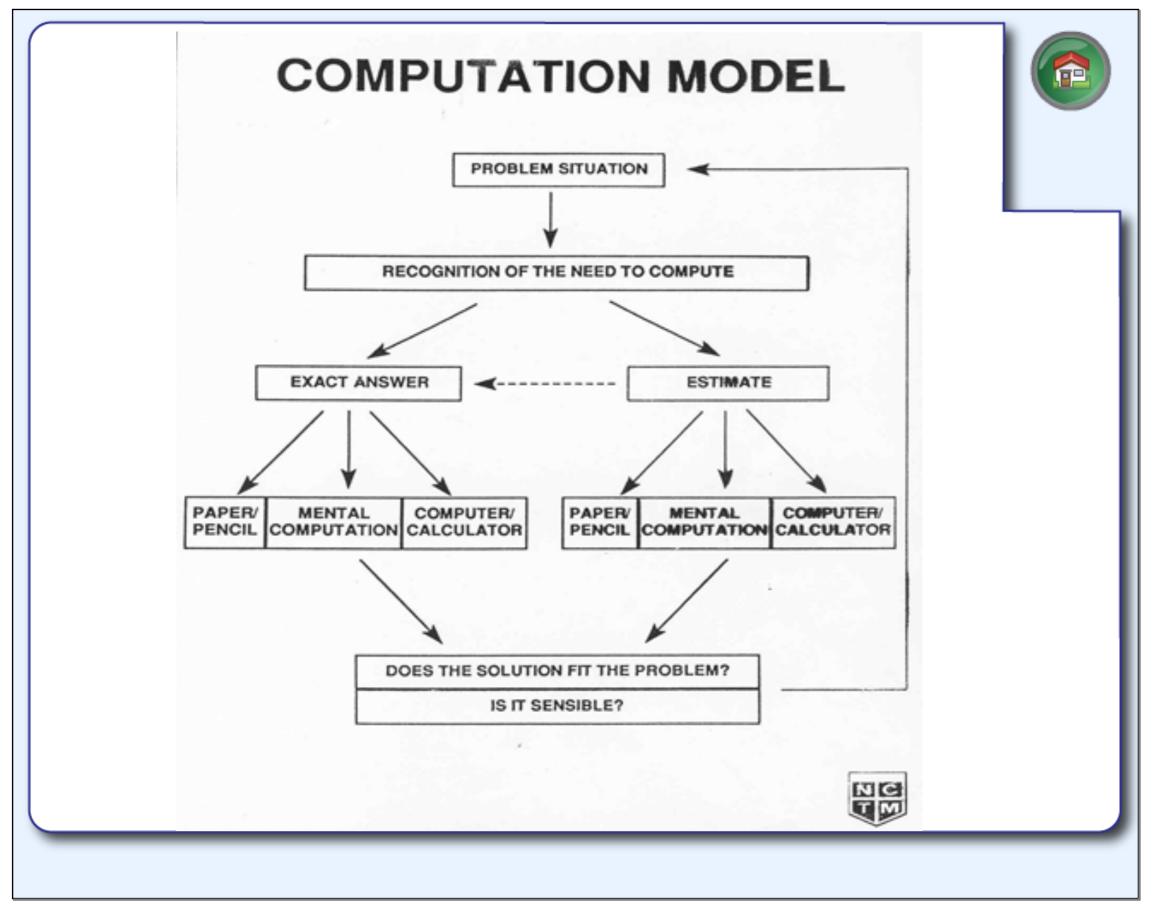
#### **INCLUDE...** \***DEVELOPMENT OF THINKING STRATEGIES**\* (basic facts, estimation, reasonableness of results)

#### \*DISCOURSE\*

# **Mathematical Properties**

Property	Mathematical Language	Child's Language	How It Helps
Commutative	For all numbers a and b: a + b = b + a and a x b = b x a	If 4 + 7 = 11, then 7 + 4 must equal 11, too. If I know 4 x 7, I also know 7 x 4	The number of addition or multiplication facts to be memorized is reduced from 100 to 55.
Associative	For all numbers a, b, and c: (a + b) + c = a + (b + c) and (ab)c = a(bc)	When I'm adding (or multiplying) three or more numbers, it doesn't matter where I start.	When more than two numbers are being added (or multiplied), combinations that make the task easier can be chosen. For example, 37 x 5 x 2 can be done as 37 x (5 x 2) or 37 x 10 Rather than (37 x 5) x 2.
Distributive	For all numbers a, b, and c: a(b + c) = ab + ac	(6 x 15) is the same as (6 x 10) + (6 x 5) 96 ÷ 3 is the same as (90 ÷ 3) + (6 ÷ 3)	Some of the more difficult basic facts can be split into smaller, easier-to-remember parts. For example, 6 x 15 is the same as (6 x 10) + (6 x 5) or 60 + 30 The 19 addition facts involving 0 and the 19 multiplication facts involving 1 can be easily remembered once this property is understood and established.
Identity	For any whole number a a + 0 + a & a x 1 = a	*0 added to any number is easy - it's just that number. *1 times any number is just that number	The 19 addition facts involving 0 and the 19 multiplication facts involving 1 can be easily remembered once this property is understood and established.
Role of Zero in (x)	For any inside number a: 0 x a = 0 or a x 0 = 0	0 multiplied by any number is 0. Any number multiplied by 0 is 0	The 19 multiplication facts involving zero can be generalized.

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## Exploring theTraditional Algorithm Using Base 10 Manipulatives: Area Model

## **Up-Coming School Event**

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#### TEACHING CONVENTIONAL ALGORITHMS

- Let them see what it looks like
- De-emphasize rote rules
- Emphasize big ideas
- Let the written algorithm simply be a recording
- Watch our language

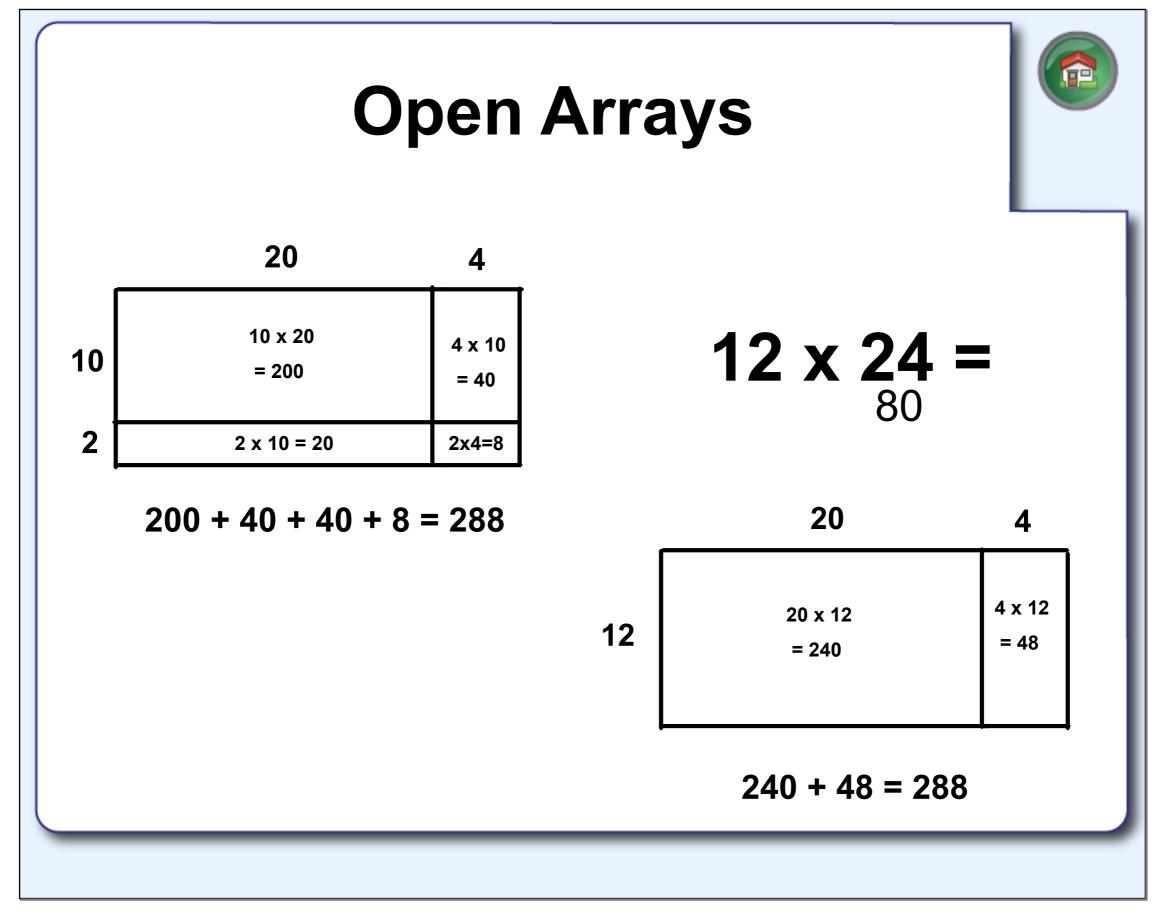
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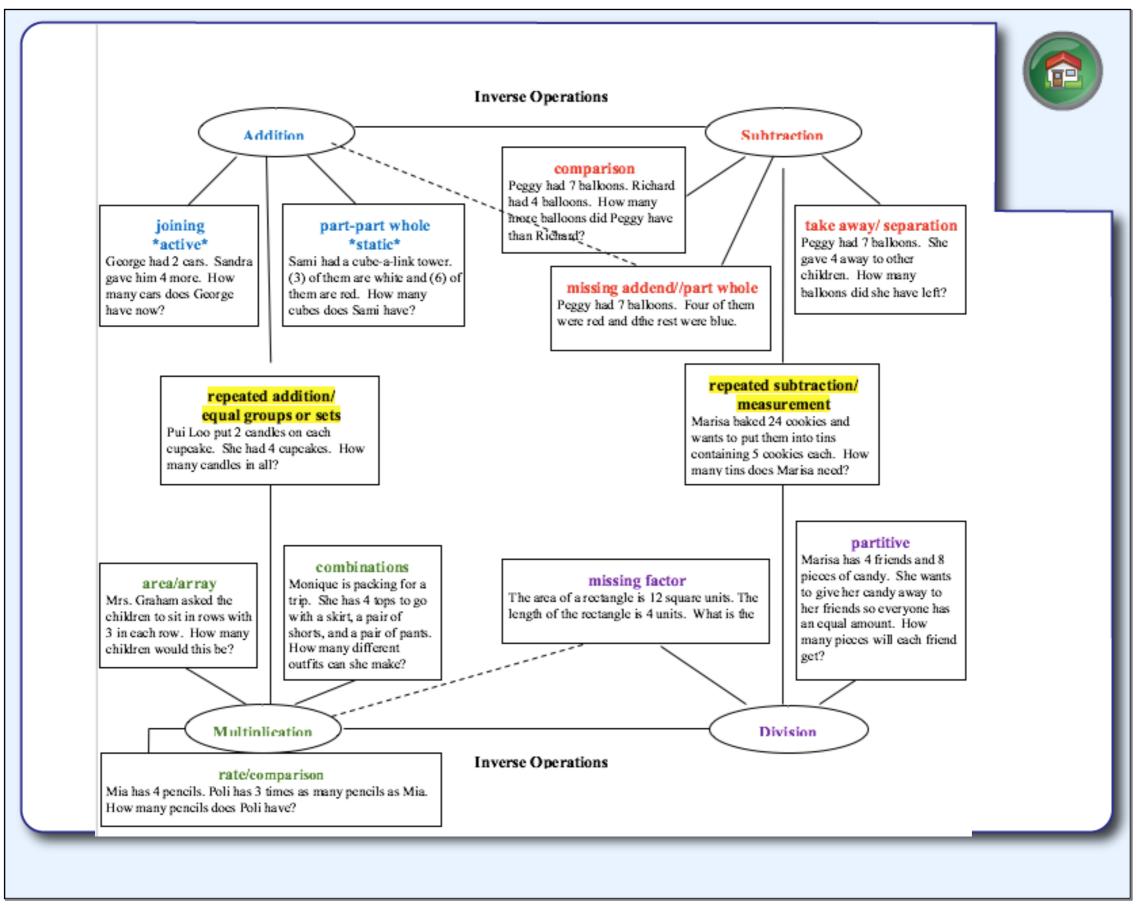




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# **BIG** IDEA



## DIVISION

- divide one unit at a time
- trade remainders for smaller units

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## Exploring the Traditional Algorithm Using Base 10 Manipulatives

#### **Going the Distance**

The distance from Winnipeg to Lake Louise, travelling west on the Trans Canada Highway through Calgary is 1550 km. From past experiences Ben and Jen know that they can bike an average of 95 km/day. If they cycle at this speed, how many days will it take them to complete the trip?

## The Questions ...

- How many (hundreds/tens/ones) did you put in each group?
- How many (hundreds/tens/ones) did you put up altogether?
- How much is left on the board?

