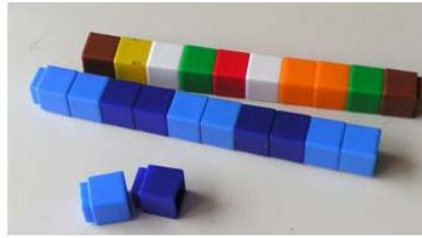


Math Operations Charades



Playing Charades

Step 1: Give each pair of students a "secret" operation card and unifix cubes in two colors.

Addition example: $3 + 4$

Subtraction example: $8 - 3$

Multiplication example: 3×5

Division example: $10 \div 2$

Note: two approaches possible - either hand out only one operation to all students or give each pair one of two operations (addition & subtraction, multiplication & division)

Step 2: Ask students to prepare an "act" of the meaning of their card using their unifix cubes.

Step 3: Students are asked to present their "act" for others to guess what is on their card. This can be done as a gallery walk, on the overhead, or for another pair (groups of 4).

Connecting to a Context

Step 1: Ask students to flip over their operation card and write a story problem to go with their operation.

Step 2: Students leave their story problem and cubes and rotate to a new location. Together they read the new story, act it out with cubes and then flip the card over to check their operation work.