

## TEACHER'S NOTES UNIT I:WHOLE NUMBERS, DECIMALS, AND FRACTIONS

Unit One moves through a broad range of topics. Much of the content was introduced in previous Math Levels 4 and 5, but all kids need the review and reinforcement. And in some cases, more challenging problems are added in, like with the mixed number lessons. This unit lays the foundation for the rest of the year and for much of middle school-level mathematics.

## SUPPLY LIST

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Skills Practice:
Colored pencils
A Numbered cards 3-10 (such as
        Uno® cards or playing cards)
-> Notecards
-> Factor table worksheets
        (available on the Book Extras
    website)
L Long division worksheets
        (available on the Book Extras
        website)
C Prime factorization worksheets
        (available on the Book Extras
        website)
Chapter One:
->2 players
-> Colored pencils
A Numbered cards 3-10
C Scissors
Beans (or another small counter)
Calculator
Dice
G Glue
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## Chapter Two:

$\rightarrow$ Scissors
$\rightarrow$ Game pieces
$\rightarrow 2$ or more players
$\rightarrow$ Scratch paper
$\rightarrow$ A takeout menu
$\rightarrow$ A calculator

## Chapter Three:

$\rightarrow$ Scissors
$\rightarrow 2$ players
$\rightarrow$ An envelope
$\rightarrow$ Dominoes
$\rightarrow 2$ players
$\rightarrow 2$ different colored counters (this can be snacks or small game pieces)
$\rightarrow$ Dice
$\rightarrow$ Fraction tiles
$\rightarrow$ Graham crackers
$\rightarrow$ A recipe
$\rightarrow$ Markers

## SKILLS PRACTICE FOR UNIT ONE: WHOLE NUMBER OPERATIONS

As mentioned at the beginning of this book, the skills practice reviews skills that have already been introduced in this book. There is one exception, and that is the Unit One skills practice. The skills reviewed here were covered in previous levels of Exploring Creation with Mathematics. If you are switching programs, it is possible you haven't covered this material before. You may find the pace of the review is too quick for your child. Please adjust the pacing. These concepts are very important, and it would be better to review them thoroughly than just push forward.

## Skill One: Multiples and Factors

I cannot overemphasize the importance of students grasping multiples and factors. These concepts are interwoven through so much of mathematics. Polish this skill before students need to use them, such as when they work with fractions in Chapter 3.

1. Play "The Most Multiples" from Lesson 1. You can print additional game boards from the Book Extras website.
2. Print factor table worksheets off the Book Extras website.
3. Choose a number between 1 and 10 , and have your child skip count to list all the multiples. This is just a quick activity that can be done verbally before starting the lesson for that day. Most students at this level will mainly need to focus on 4's, 6's, 7's, and 8's. Target the fact families your child seems to struggle with.

## Skill Two: Long Division

Long division takes time to master. It also can be very taxing because it is such a long process. That is why I think long division is a perfect skill for the skills practice. Give your child one quick problem or activity each day. Spreading it out ensures they will master it without overwhelming them with an entire page of long division problems.

1. Notecard problems. This is one of my favorite ways to do the skills practice when the skill itself is pretty taxing. I just write out one problem on a notecard or post-it. Have your child do that one problem before starting the lesson. Here are problems you can use. There are enough for the whole skills practice.
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$9 \longdiv { 8 6 4 }$


2. There are long division worksheets available on the Book Extras website.
3. Find the missing digit puzzles. These are available on the Book Extras website. Instead of solving an entire long division problem, students just need to fill in the missing digits. It helps reinforce the steps of the process in a way that is less challenging.

## Skill Three: Prime Numbers and Prime Factorization

Knowing the prime numbers up to 100 is a huge advantage for students. Minimally, they should know all of them up to 25 . And prime factorization is a skill that takes some practice before it becomes automatic.

1. Have your child recite the prime numbers up to 100 (or 25 ) to you. The list is below so you can quickly check, or they can self-check. Consider offering them a prize if they can recite or write all the prime numbers under 100 by the end of the unit.
$2,3,5,7,11,13,17,19,23,29,31,37,41,43,47,53,59,61,67$, 71, 73, 79, 83, 89, 97
2. Have your child choose any number under 100 and write out the prime factorization. They can check their answer by multiplying on a calculator. There is an example below.


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36=2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 3
$$

3. There are prime factorization worksheets on the Book Extras website.

## CHAPTER 1: WHOLE NUMBERS, DECIMALS, AND FRACTIONS

## LESSON 1

This lesson is probably review for your student. It is helpful to have a gentle entry into a new level of mathematics. Multiples are foundational for finding the common denominator in future fraction lessons. There are additional copies of the game board on the Book Extras website so that you can play this game as part of the skills practice.

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## LESSON 2

When students make mistakes in multi-digit multiplication, they often make the mistake repeatedly. Common mistakes include mixing up the regrouping and not realizing they are multiplying by a number in the tens place. The code in the practice helps students catch mistakes before they do the entire page incorrectly. You also might want to let your child check his or her work with a calculator.

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## LESSON 3

Factors are so essential in mathematics.
Students will continue to review factors in the Unit 1 skills practice. This skill will be essential when they factor quadratics in high school. More immediately, they will need to be able to identify common factors when simplifying fractions.

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## LESSON 4

Some students will really prefer this method of factoring to what we did in the previous lesson. The beauty of it is that you can split the number in many different ways and still arrive at the correct answer. All of the work with primes will also help them start to identify prime numbers more quickly.

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## LESSON 5

Students have seen long division before in previous levels. But it is very common for students to struggle to remember all of the steps, or to just get rusty on the process after a break. This first lesson only uses one-digit divisors.

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## LESSON 6

Now we are working with two-digit divisors. Estimation is going to be very key as we think about placing the first digit in the quotient.

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## LESSON 7

It is very common for students to mix up exponents with multiplication. For instance, a student might mistakenly write $2^{3}=6$. The best way to combat that is to keep having students write out what the exponent represents, $2^{3}=2 \times 2 \times 2$, until it really clicks.

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## LESSON 8

I love teaching this concept visually with squares and the sides of squares. It is also really important to emphasize the inverse relationship between the two operations. Inverse operations are a key overarching concept in mathematics and will become essential when students start solving equations.

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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 3. A seubse tile his a side length of 5 inches. What is the area of the the in sequare inthes? <br> 81 square inches |  |
|  | 4. The area of a seowe garien is as square feet. What is the length of one slide of the garben? |  |
|  | 5. A seuase Blanket has an anea of 36 square feet. What lis the length of one slde of the Dlanket? <br> 6 feet |  |
|  | Challeneet <br> Teq square nombers have a sum of 25. What are the twe numbers? $9+16$ |  |
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## LESSON 9

Some students think of Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally to remember the acronym PEMDAS.

One of the most common mistakes when solving order of operations problems is to not realize that you do addition and subtraction together from left to right. The same goes for multiplication and division. If there is a division sign to the left of a multiplication sign, that is what you do first.
$10 \div 5 \times 3=$
$2 \times 3=$

6

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## LESSON 10

Another day of practice with the order of operations. Most students will need this second day to really grasp the steps.

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## LESSON 11

Students are introduced to the Distributive Property in this lesson so that they can multiply facts like $8 \times 42$ mentally. This increases their number sense. But, the second reason is to give them some background with the distributive property before seeing it applied algebraically. That will come later in this book.

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## CHAPTER 1 REVIEW

The Chapter 1 review is a quick way for you to see if your child is mastering the material. If they seem to be struggling with any of the concepts, you might want to take a day to review before moving onto the unit project.

An optional Chapter 1 test is provided in the back of this answer key. If you plan to use it, give it to your child after he or she has completed the chapter review.

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## CHAPTER 2: MULTIPLICATION, FACTORS, AND MULTIPLES

## LESSON 12

They play the game in this lesson using tenths. They will play it again in the next lesson with subtraction and in Lesson 13 with hundredths.

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## LESSON 13

Now students are subtracting and moving backward on the gameboard.

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## LESSON 14

Adding hundredths repeatedly can quickly become complicated. That is why I have them round the answers. It also allows them to use the same gameboard. Rounding is a skill that students struggle with consistently, so it is good for them to have some practice with it in this game.

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## LESSON 15

In Level 5 of this series, students are shown the why behind ignoring the decimal points and then counting the spaces at the end. At this level, it is time to just practice the trick until it becomes automatic.

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## LESSON 16

This lesson was inspired by many personal experiences where I have been asked to "figure out the bill" for a group of friends since I am the math person in the group. I'm on a mission to empower everyone to be able to figure this stuff out on their own.

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## LESSON 17

In addition to teaching a new skill, this lesson is also a great review of the long division process.

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## LESSON 18

We definitely need a review lesson after all of those decimal skills. And why not teach some money management at the same time? That was a bonus for all of you parents. Additionally, kids are far more motivated to do math when given a context like the one in this lesson.

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## LESSON 19

In each unit there will be one problemsolving lesson. There is a complete description of this program element in the beginning of this book. The main thing to keep in mind is that the process is more important than the results. Your child can be making a lot of progress but still not find the right answer.

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## CHAPTER 2 REVIEW

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## CHAPTER 3: FRACTIONS

## LESSON 20

Mathematicians have to be able to switch between different forms of a number fluently. In this lesson, we are focused on fractions and decimals. Later on in this course, we will add in percents. And in all three cases, memorizing some benchmarks really helps.

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## LESSON 21

The two main repeating decimals to memorize are $1 / 3=0.3333 \ldots$ and $2 / 3=0.66666 \ldots$
Because of this, there are two new cards included to be added to the game from Lesson 20.

The four operations needed on your calculator are addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Any simple and inexpensive calculator will have these.

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- $\frac{4}{5}-0.8 \quad-\frac{33}{100}-\frac{0.33}{0}$
$={ }_{3}^{2} \cdot 0 . \overline{6} \quad-\frac{2}{6}=0 . \overline{2}$
- $\frac{3}{10}$ - $0.3 \quad, \frac{5}{8}-0.625$
$+\frac{1}{3}-0 . \overline{3} \quad-\frac{3}{11}-\frac{0 . \overline{27}}{0}$
$\frac{4}{9}-0 . \overline{4} \quad+\frac{9}{20}-\frac{0.45}{}$

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5. Une the Lessen ar activity sheet then the back of Be answer
 Lesson 20, and play one nound of memary with the new card n

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## LESSON 22

To add and subtract fractions, you essentially "unsimplify" them so that you can perform the operation. Because of this, you often must simplify again at the end when you have your answer.

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## LESSON 23

Bear with your student in this lesson. There are many layered skills when you add and subtract mixed numbers. There is regrouping in addition to all the skills they just practiced in Lesson 22.

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|  | [$2 \frac{9}{10}$ $2 \frac{9}{10}$ <br> $-1 \frac{2}{2}$  <br> $-1 \frac{10}{10}$  <br> $\frac{5}{10}$ $=2 \frac{1}{2}$ |  |
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## LESSON 24

I added a second day of mixed numbers because most students will need it. And this concept has built in review of regrouping and simplifying fractions.

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## LESSON 25

While it is harder to grasp conceptually, multiplying fractions is a much easier operation to execute. This lesson will probably feel much more manageable than what we have been working on earlier in the chapter. This lesson is also laying the groundwork for the skills students will need when converting units in future science classes.

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## LESSON 26

The key skill in this lesson is being able to convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers. That will come up again in Lesson 27.

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## LESSON 27

I love the visual of the opening activity. I don't think I ever really understood what dividing by a fraction meant until I was out of school. Fraction tiles make it so much easier to picture what is happening and why flipping the fraction and multiplying gives you the correct answer.

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## LESSON 28

This lesson is very similar to Lesson 15 . The only difference is that the quotients are mixed numbers.

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|  |  |
| $\begin{array}{r} 4 \frac{1}{2} \\ 26 \\ -\quad 8 \\ \hline 1 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1 \frac{3}{5} \\ -\quad 5 \\ \hline 3 \end{array}$ |
| $\begin{array}{r} 6 \frac{1}{4} \\ =\quad 425 \\ -\quad 24 \\ \hline 1 \end{array}$ | $\left.\begin{array}{r}11 \frac{5}{7} \\ 7 \\ -7 \\ \hline-72 \\ -7 \\ \hline\end{array}\right)$ |
| $\begin{array}{r} 6 \frac{3}{5} \\ 533 \\ -\quad 30 \\ \hline 3 \end{array}$ | - $\begin{array}{r} \\ \begin{array}{r}5 \frac{1}{4} \\ 4 / 21 \\ -20 \\ \hline 1\end{array}\end{array}$ |
| $\begin{array}{r} 13 \frac{2}{3} \\ \begin{array}{r} 341 \\ -\quad 3 \\ \hline 11 \\ -\quad 9 \\ \hline 2 \end{array} \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 12 \frac{2}{7} \\ & \times \quad-7 \\ & \hline 16 \\ &-14 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
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## LESSON 29

Again, in this lesson students have to be able to switch between mixed numbers and improper fractions and back again. Converting between different forms of a number is a key skill in mathematics.

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## LESSON 30

This lesson is just a mix of review, so students have another opportunity to practice.

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## CHAPTER 3 REVIEW

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## UNIT 1 PROJECT

Students can make any type of design that they like. This art connection is a fun change of pace after so much decimal and fraction work.

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## COMPLETE SUPPLY LIST

| $\rightarrow$ Fraction tiles | $\rightarrow$ A bobbin | $\rightarrow$ World almanac or |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\rightarrow$ A protractor | $\rightarrow$ A chenille stem | access to the internet for research |
| $\rightarrow$ Colored pencils | $\rightarrow$ A small plastic cup | $\rightarrow$ A printer |
| $\rightarrow$ Numbered cards 3-10 | $\rightarrow$ A pair of sharp scissors or a knife | $\rightarrow 3$ sheets of $8.5 \times 11^{\prime \prime}$ |
| ards |  | colored paper |
| $\rightarrow$ Scissors | $\rightarrow$ | $\rightarrow$ A stapler |
| $\rightarrow$ Beans | $\rightarrow$ Measuring tape | $\rightarrow$ A sheet protector |
| $\rightarrow$ Four-operation calculator | $\rightarrow$ Pennies, marbles, or other small weights | $\rightarrow$ A ruler |
| $\rightarrow$ Dice | $\rightarrow$ Several food items | $\rightarrow$ A highlighter |
| $\rightarrow \text { Glue }$ | from your refrigerator or pantry | $\rightarrow$ A set of 3D shapes (including a sphere, |
| $\rightarrow$ Game pieces | $\rightarrow$ A store flyer or | cone, a cylinder, d several types of |
| $\rightarrow$ A takeout menu | magazine | pyramids and prisms) |
| $\rightarrow$ An envelope | $\rightarrow$ A tape measure | $\rightarrow$ A box (it can be any |
| $\rightarrow$ Dominoes | $\rightarrow$ Ice cubes | size) |
| $\rightarrow$ Graham crackers | $\rightarrow$ Salt, sugar, baking soda | $\rightarrow$ Rectangle or square shapes (magnetic |
| A recipe | $\rightarrow 5$ transparent cups | tiles, the green |
| $\rightarrow$ Markers |  | angles from a |
| $\rightarrow$ Bingo chips | $\rightarrow$ A tablespoon | triangles that are the |
| $\rightarrow$ A paper clip | $\rightarrow$ A permanent marker | same size and shape |
| $\rightarrow$ A miniature bag of Skittles ${ }^{\circledR}$ | $\rightarrow$ A permanent marker $\rightarrow$ Colored pencils | cut out of cardboard) <br> $\rightarrow$ A refrigerator (or |
| $\rightarrow$ Fruit salad | $\rightarrow$ Glue stick |  |
| $\rightarrow$ A bowl | $\rightarrow$ A deck of cards | easure, like a deep |
| $\rightarrow$ A quarter | $\rightarrow$ A Monopoly ${ }^{\text {™ }}$ | freeze or a dresser) |
| $\rightarrow$ Four different kinds of beverages | gameboard <br> $\rightarrow$ An analog thermometer | $\rightarrow$ A bag of small marshmallows |
| $\rightarrow$ Similar items from two different grocery stores | $\rightarrow$ Masking tape <br> $\rightarrow$ Sticky notes | $\rightarrow$ Several pieces of card stock or thick paper |
| $\rightarrow$ Thick string, yarn, or a thin piece of ribbon | $\rightarrow 2$ blank sheets of poster board |  |

