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Classroom Materials

Art Supplies

Attachments 1-9

Music (online radio sites)

Musical Instruments (optional)

Netbooks (or computer lab access)

Sheet Music

TI-73 Calculators

Appendix: Implementing District Standards

Scholars will apply and extend previous understandings of multiplication and division to divide fractions by fractions.

6. NS1. Interpret and compute quotients of fractions, and solve word problems involving division of fractions by fractions, e.g., by using visual fraction models and equations to represent the problem. *For example, create a story context for $(2/3) \div (3/4)$ and use a visual fraction model to show the quotient; use the relationship between multiplication and division to explain that $(2/3) \div (3/4) = 8/9$ because $3/4$ of $8/9$ is $2/3$. (In general, $(a/b) \div (c/d) = ad/bc$.)* How much chocolate will each person get if 3 people share $1/2$ lb of chocolate equally? How many $3/4$ -cup servings are in $2/3$ of a cup of yogurt? How wide is a rectangular strip of land with length $3/4$ mi and area $1/2$ square mi?

Synopsis

This unit is designed to help scholars learn the process for multiplying and dividing fractions. This unit was created for use in an honors level sixth grade mathematics course, but can be modified and taught to grade levels five through seven. The unit begins with an introduction of the multiplication and division of fractions, and how music theory can be integrated into math. Scholars will have opportunities to complete literacy tasks such as choice boards and jigsaws, explore the science behind the sound of music, engage in the musical mathematical chairs kinesthetic activity, and complete artistic designs by creating a dancing musical note foldable. Music will be used throughout activities as a behavior management and time keeping strategy.

This unit is aligned with the North Carolina Common Core State Standards in fifth and sixth grades.