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RightStart™ Mathematics

Corrections and Updates for Kindergarten Lessons and Worksheets, second edition

LESSON/WORKSHEET	CHANGE DATE	CORRECTION OR UPDATE
Lesson 31	01/04/2021	The assessment checklist, Appendix page 8, has been updated. See attached PDF .
Lesson 39	03/07/2026	The In Conclusion question has been changed to: Ask the children what is 3-ten and 5 and have them enter it on the abacus. [3-ten 5]
Lesson 53 and 54	01/04/2021	The assessment checklists, Appendix pages 11 and 12, have been updated. See attached PDFs .
Lesson 61	03/25/2019	On the second page, the first paragraph's fourth sentence reads, "Second, ask her to enter the number of new books Jessie received." Answer should be [2] , not [6].
Lesson 99	05/17/2017	If the child gets F wrong on the review, review Lessons 95 and 96 , not Lesson 61. If the child gets H wrong, review Lessons 16, 18, and 19 .
Lesson 100	05/17/2017	If the child gets F wrong on the test, review Lessons 95 and 96 , not Lesson 61. If the child gets H wrong, review Lessons 16, 18, and 19 .
Lesson 105	03/24/2020	This lesson uses materials that relies on exact weights. Unfortunately, there are frequent variances in the manufacturing process. We have modified the lesson to adjust for the potential errors; see the PDF . Also note that if the weight variances are too great, a portion of the lesson may be skipped.
Lesson 116	08/20/2014	Worksheet 45 solution for #2: should be 3 rocks , not 9 rocks.
Lesson 126	03/03/2017	Problem #7: should read "Have the child write the equation 4 minus 1 and include the difference ", not the sum.
Lesson 131	10/28/2021	Under the Faces and sides heading, questions 4 to 6 have been changed as follows: Ask the child to find the number of sides of these shapes: 4. Hexagon. [6 sides] 5. Triangle. [3 sides] 6. Rectangle. [4 sides] 7. Square. [4 sides]

ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST 1

Have this checklist near you while you play the games and complete the activities in the lesson. Use the checklist to track what the child understands and make comments if needed.

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LESSON 105: MEASURING WITH GRAMS

OBJECTIVES:

1. To introduce the term *gram*
2. To weigh some geometry solids in grams
3. To review indirectly that ten ones make one ten

MATERIALS:

1. Centimeter cubes
2. Math balance and weights used as a scale
3. Geometric solids
4. Cotter Abacus

ACTIVITIES FOR TEACHING:

Warm-up. Ask: How much is 16 plus 1? [17] How much is 16 minus 1? [15] How much is 11 plus 1? [12] How much is 11 minus 1? [10] How much is 14 plus 1? [15] How much is 14 minus 1? [13]

Ask: Which is longer, an inch or a centimeter? [inch] Which is shorter? [centimeter]

Ask the children how long is one edge of a tile? [1 inch] How long are two edges of a tile? [2 inches] How long are three edges of a tile, [3 inches] and how long are all four edges of a tile? [4 inches]

Ask: Can you always tell which of two things is heavier by just looking? [no] How can you find out? [by weighing]

Weighing with the scale. Give the children the centimeter cubes and one blue math balance weight. Ask: Which is heavier, one centimeter cube or one blue weight? [blue weight]

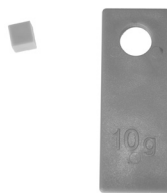
Tell them each centimeter cube weighs 1 *gram*. Tell them it takes 10 centimeter cubes to weigh the same as the blue weight.

Ask: What does 1 centimeter cube weigh? [1 gram] How much do 2 centimeter cubes weigh? [2 g] How much do 7 centimeter cubes weigh? [7 g] What does the blue weight weigh? [10 g] Tell them: Look closely at the blue weight. What do you see written on it? [10 g] Tell them that means *10 grams*.

Explain that we can also call the centimeter cube a 1-gram cube. We can also call the larger blue weight a 10-gram weight.

A weighing problem. Put the children in partners. Give them at least 30 1-gram cubes. Ask them to solve the following problem:

With the hemisphere solid in the left cup, how many cubes are needed to make it balance?



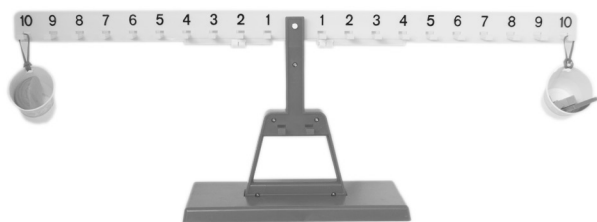
A 1-gram cube and a 10-gram weight.

EXPLANATIONS:

Although this equivalency might be proven using the math balance, there is frequent variances in the manufacturing process and is often not equal.

The abbreviation for gram or grams is a lower case “g” without a period.

ACTIVITIES FOR TEACHING CONTINUED:

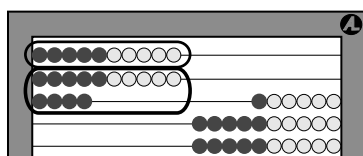
**Hemisphere in the left cup and weights in the right cup.**

Ask: What is the weight of the hemisphere? [Answer will vary.] Ask them to enter their answer on the abacus.

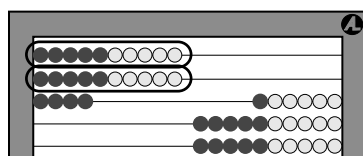
Empty the right cup and modify the problem:

Keep the hemisphere in the left cup. Put one 10-gram weight in the right cup. How many more 1-gram cubes do you need to make it balance?

Ask: What is the weight of everything in the right cup? [Answer will be similar to the previous answer.] Tell them to show the one 10-gram weight and the 1-gram cubes on the abacus. Ask: Where are the 1-gram cubes shown on the abacus? See the left figure below.



Showing 10-gram and fourteen 1-gram weights.



Showing two 10-gram weights.

Empty the right cup and modify the problem again:

Keep the hemisphere in the left cup, and put *two* 10-gram weights in the right cup. How many more cubes do you need to make it balance?

Ask: What is the total weight in the right cup? [Answer will be similar to the previous answers.] Ask them to show the two 10-gram weights and the 1-gram cubes on the abacus. See the right figure above.

Weighing the cone. Ask the children to weigh the cone, using as few weights as possible. If necessary, guide them to add 10-gram weights until they have too many. Then remove one weight and add 1-gram cubes until it balances.

If time remains, the children may want to weigh other solids or other objects in the room.

In conclusion. Ask the children to show the weight of the 10-gram weight on the abacus. [10] Ask them to show the weight of a the 1-gram cube on the abacus. [1] Ask: What is the weight of one 10-gram weight and four 1-gram cubes? [14] Show it on the abacus.

EXPLANATIONS CONTINUED:

Although the weight of the hemisphere is about 20 to 24 g, given the density of the wood used for the shapes and the manufacturing discrepancies with the 10 g weights and 1 g centimeter cubes, the answers will vary.

The children need not count the centimeter cubes as they put them into the cup. They can determine the quantity after removing them once the scale is balanced.

This is not a lesson on exact weights, rather it is to indirectly explore that ten ones make one ten and use of measurement.

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