#### CREATING RICHER MATH CONVERSATIONS

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 We will look at how to ensure students have opportunities to and learn to engage in rich mathematical conversations.



- ask the right questions
- We want to provide opportunities for students to talk about their mathematical thinking.





### Notice and wonder







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# Which one doesn't belong?



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2 <i>x</i> + 2 = 12	5 <i>x</i> = 25
5 <i>x</i> – 12 = 3 <i>x</i> – 2	3x + 1 = 19











#### Get 20% off

OR

Get \$20 off



#### Get 1 kg of dimes

OR

#### Get 500g of quarters



#### multiply 25 by 44 or multiply 13 by 15?



add the 100 numbers from 1 to 100 ? OR

add the first 10 even numbers to the first 30 odd numbers?

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### Same, but Different

#### acute

#### obtuse
## Same, but Different

### 32 x 18

16 x 36

### Same, but Different

 $\frac{3}{4}$  of 400

 $\frac{3}{8}$  of 800

We can also just make sure to ask questions that lead to talk. • For which pattern would you rather predict the 50th term? Why?







Construction workers are repairing a road. Their job will take 7 hours and 15 minutes. They want to avoid working at heavy traffic times.

- When should the workers start and end?
- How did you decide?



# How many pairs of mittens do you think all of the students in the school own?







You represented a number with 12 base ten blocks. You add 4 to the number and you need fewer than 12 blocks to show that greater number.

How could that happen?



Jane said that to figure out how long a movie that starts at 1:48 and ends at 3:15, you figure out 315-148. Do you agree? Explain.



How many do you see?





• What names might make sense for the two numbers that go at the dots? Tell why.

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- You have 6 coins and you think it's really easy to count to know how much you have altogether.
- What coins might you have?





- When would 1000 of something not be that much?
- When would it be a lot?





• Which letter do you think shows  $\frac{3}{4}$  on this number line? Why?



• What might the number at the question mark be? Why that number?

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# **? - ? = 56**

You subtract 2 two-digit numbers. The difference is 56.
What could the numbers be?
How do you know?



• What numbers could you subtract to get a difference of 156? How do you know?



We will start with "standard" math questions and then tweak them.





## List ALL of the pairs of numbers that add to 10.





Two numbers add to 10. Could they both be big? Explain. Could they both be little? Explain. Could one of them be big? What would the other be? Why?





How many ways can you fold a square so that the two parts are exactly the same?



How would you convince someone that there should be more ways to fold the blue shape in half than the red one?



## Estimate 314 – 167 by rounding to the nearest ten.



There are different ways to estimate 314 – 167. What might they be? Which do you think is best? Why?



Children need to be working together.

Pairs might be better for more conversation.



You need to make time to ensure all kids get heard.

Maybe sometimes from other kids, and maybe sometimes in front of everybody.



Maybe some kids need the conversation to be private, but they still need to talk.

It might help to have materials to work with as they talk.



You need to be listening rather than listening for what you hoped to hear.

You need to be responsive to what children say.



You need to teach other children how to listen well.

Perhaps you require that the listeners have a question for the person who is talking (a real question that is not silly) . You might model that first.



- is always a good way to create richer conversations since there are so many answers.
- Then you **pick up on the responses** to enrich the conversation even more.



There are three numbers. Two are sort of close, and the third is a lot less than both.

What might your numbers be?

I'll follow up one of your comments.



You added some numbers and ended up with more than 50.

What might your numbers have been?

Then I might say..



You make a pattern that includes 20 and 42.

What other numbers might be in your pattern?

Then I might say...



What picture would you draw to show what 5 x 6 looks like?

How does the picture help you get the answer?

Then I might say....



## When would anyone ever use the number -2?









#### Is 10% a lot or not?


This graph shows the kinds of pets people have.





• What are you not sure of?



List ALL of the pairs of numbers that multiply to 60.



Two numbers multiply to 60.

Could they both be 2-digit? Explain.

Could they both be single digit?

Explain.

Could they both be odd? Both even?



How many ways can you create a net for a cube?



How would you convince someone that the first two nets below are the same, but the third one is different?





## Model 24 x 36 with an array.



Model a 2-digit by 2-digit multiplication using 12 base ten blocks.

What could you be multiplying?

