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	 Standards for Mathematical Practice Describe mathematical "habits of mind" Standards for mathematical proficiency: reasoning, problem solving, modeling, decision making, and engagement Connect with content standards in each grade
 Numbers and Operations Counting and place value Addition and subtraction without regrouping Fluency in basic facts – addition and subtraction Money - separate from solving word problems Estimation in of itself Creating story problems Ordering quantities 	 Multiplication and division Understanding what multiplication and division means Use of properties and strategies in multiplying and dividing Addition and subtraction using place value strategies and properties for multi-digit numbers Using properties and strategies to solve problems, not just memorizing facts or procedures Estimation as one way of determining reasonableness of answers Understanding fractions as numbers (denominators of 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8) Express whole numbers as fractions Compare fractions by reasoning about their size, not using common denominators Equivalent fractions Represent fractions on number line
Measurement Measuring for the sake of measuring – measuring occurs within problem solving situations	 Measurement Measuring in 1/2 and 1/4 inches to gather data to display in line plots Area and its relation to multiplication and addition

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	• Perimeter
GeometrySymmetryLocations of pointsRight angles	 Geometry Relationships between and among shapes, e.g., rectangles and rhombuses have 4 sides, both are quadrilaterals
• Odd and even number patterns	 Algebraic Concepts Use of a letter to stand for an unknown quantity in solving word problems with 4 operations Identifying arithmetic patterns
 Data Analysis and Probability Gathering data from surveys Probability 	Data Analysis and Probability

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