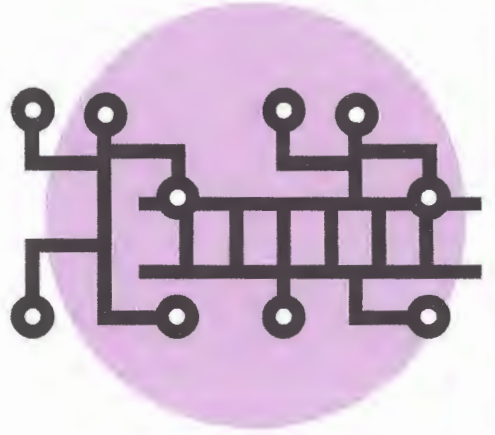
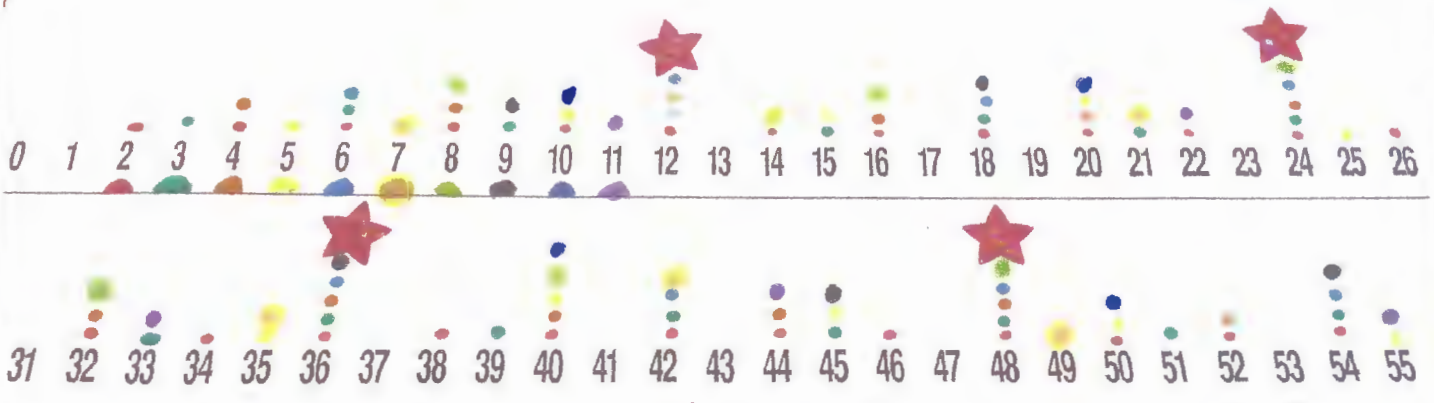


Number Lines and Ladders... Factoring Strategies that Work!



Activities and Games
for Factoring and Operating
with Fractions.



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Cold Call Questions Regarding Kim's Number Line

Teach Like a Champion-Doug Lemov

Primary Grades (K-2):

- What can you tell me about your class number line?
(They should articulate it is a growth pattern.)
- What do the colored dots represent?
(They are part of skip counting patterns. Counting in groups.)
- What number comes before ____ ?
What number comes after ____ ?
- What multiples of ten is ____ between?
What is ____ groups of ____ ?
- Pick a number. Ask students what they know about that number?
(You should hear vocabulary like less than, greater than, skip counting, counting in groups, even/odd, between, before, after, multiples of, coins/bills etc.)

Upper Grades (3-6):

- What can you tell me about your class number line?
How do you use it as a math tools?
(They should articulate it is a growth pattern.)
- What do the colored dots represent?
(They are factors, numbers are multiples.)
- Can you reduce the fraction ____ ?
(Have them explain the common factors on number line.)
- Find a number with __ , __ , and __ , as factors.
How do you know? Tell me the other factors.
- Pick a number. Ask students what they know about that number?
(You should hear vocabulary like less than, greater than, factors, multiples, even/odd, between, before, after, between what multiples, coins/bills, etc.)



0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60

61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90

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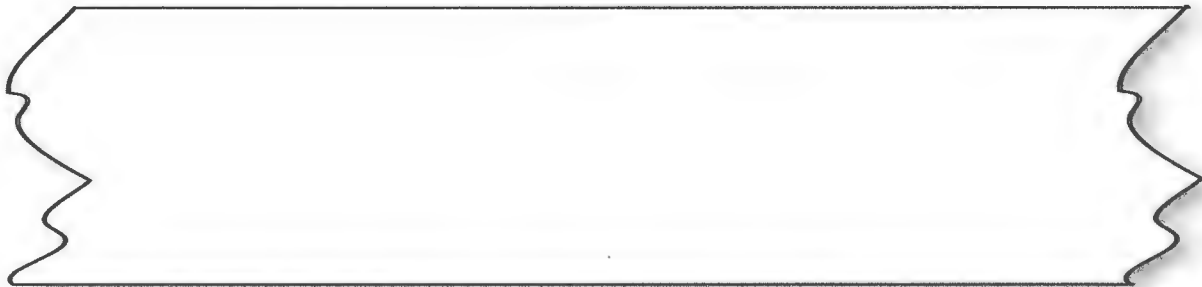
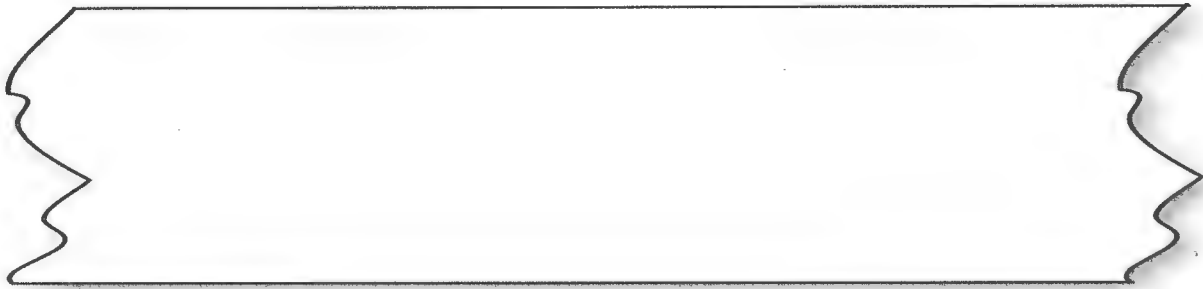
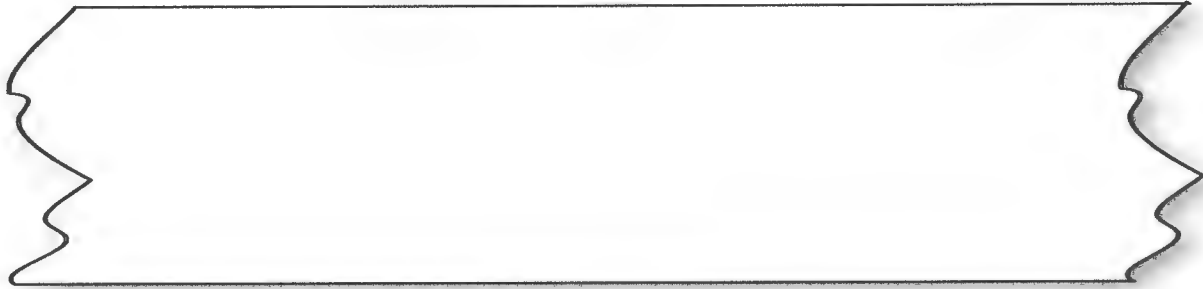
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-50 -49 -48 -47 -46 -45 -44 -43 -42 -41 -40 -39 -38 -37 -36 -35 -34 -33 -32 -31



Walk The Line



Race Track Fractions



$\frac{1}{5}$

$\frac{1}{8}$

$\frac{1}{4}$

$\frac{1}{6}$

$\frac{1}{10}$

$\frac{1}{2}$

$\frac{1}{16}$

● $2 \frac{2}{2}$

● $3 \frac{3}{3}$

● $4 \frac{4}{4}$

● $5 \frac{5}{5}$

● $6 \frac{6}{6}$

● $1 \frac{1}{2}$

● $2 \frac{2}{3}$

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● 0

● 0

● 0

● 0

● 0

$\frac{1}{8}$

$\frac{1}{4}$

$\frac{1}{6}$

$\frac{1}{10}$

$\frac{1}{3}$

Prime Factorization and Factoring Using the "Ladder" Method

There are several levels to the Ladder.

- Here are all the prime numbers less than 20

2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19

- Begin factoring with a 2, then a 5, then 3, then 7

The only divisibility rules you need to remember:

- *a number is divisible by 2 if it is an even number
- *a number is divisible by 5 if it ends in a 0 or a 5
- *a number is divisible by 3 if the digits sum to a multiple of 3

Most of the other divisibility rules aren't necessary when using the ladder

Factoring using the Ladder Method

Factoring of one number:

The number to factor is 24

2	24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ask: will 2 go into 24?.... Yes.• How many times? (12)
2	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will 2 go into 12?..... Yes.• How many times? (6)
2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will 2 go into 6?.... Yes• How many times? (3)
3	3	

So, the Prime Factorization is:

$$2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3 \quad \text{or} \quad 2^3 \times 3$$

Notice how nicely and neatly the factors are lined up.
It is more organized than the usual factor tree method.

Another Example:

The number to factor is 52.

2	52	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ask: will 2 go into 52?.... Yes.• How many times? (26)
2	26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will 2 go into 26?.... Yes.• How many times? (13)
13	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will 2 go into 13?.... No.• Will 5 go into 13?.... No.• Recognize that 13 is prime so it cannot be factored any more

So, the Prime Factorization is:

$$2 \times 2 \times 13 \quad \text{or} \quad 2^2 \times 13$$

How to Factor a numerator and a denominator for simplifying fractions: Use the Ladder to pull out the common prime factors.

You can use the ladder to find the Greatest Common Factor (GCF) and the Least Common Multiple (LCM).

The fraction to simplify is: $\frac{24}{36}$

- Make a “double Ladder” in order to factor out the common factor.
- First Label the numerator and the denominator.

	N	D
2	24	36
2	12	18
3	6	9
	2/3	

Ask:

- Will 2 go into 24 and 36?.... Yes.
- How many times for each?
- Will 2 go into 12 and 18?.... Yes.
- How many times for each?
- Will 2 go into 6 and 9?.... No.
- Will 3 go into 6 and 9?.... Yes.
- How many times for each? 3.

In using the ladder, you pull out the common factors leaving the simplified form (numerator and denominator) on the bottom rung of the ladder. So, $\frac{24}{36} = \frac{2}{3}$

As you “grow up” in factoring. You can take out a larger factor if you can recognize it.

For example, on the first rung, if you saw that 6 was a factor of each number you could start with that number. Then they would have to factor 4 and 6 on the next rung.

Finding the GCF and LCM

Using the ladder you can find the Greatest Common Factor GCF and the Least Common Multiple LCM:

GCF is $2 \times 2 \times 3 = 12$

(Notice how these factors run along the side of the ladder and when multiplied, the result is the greatest common factor.)

LCM is $2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 2 \times 3 = 72$

(Notice how these factors form the shape of an “L” (for Ladder or LCM) and when multiplied, the result is the Least Common Multiple.)

	N	D
2	24	36
2	12	18
3	6	9
	2	3

The fractions to add are: $\frac{1}{8} + \frac{2}{6}$

- Make a “double Ladder” in order to factor out the common factors leaving the least common multiple
- Put the denominators into the ladder

Ask:

- Will 2 go into 8 and 6?.... Yes
- How many times for each?
- Will 2 go into 4 and 3?.... No
- Will 3 go into 4 and 3?.... No
- no more factoring can be done.

2	8	6
	4	3

Remember, the factors along the outside of the ladder make the Least Common Multiple when multiplied with each other.

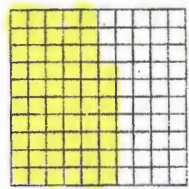
So, $2 \times 4 \times 3 = 24$. The LCM is 24

Even better though is how this ladder method sets apart the factors for each denominator.

The bottom rung leaves factors which are not common between the two denominators. Now, the student just has to multiply the two fractions by the missing factor for each denominator.

Example:

$$\frac{1(3)}{8(3)} + \frac{2(4)}{6(4)} = \frac{3}{24} + \frac{8}{24} \text{ which is } \frac{11}{24}$$



wed
11/6
57

Factor
57 = 30 + 27
19 2
3 19

$$\frac{5}{10} + \frac{2}{100} = \frac{57}{100}$$

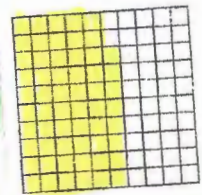
$$.5 + .07 = .57$$

$\frac{57}{100}$ = Already Simplified

57%

* stomachs in 19 cows.

thurs
11-7
Factor
58 = 40 + 18
29 2
2 58



Factors
1, 2, 29, 58

$$\frac{5}{10} + \frac{8}{100} = \frac{58}{100}$$

$$.5 + .08 = .58$$

Prime Factorization

58%

2 · 29

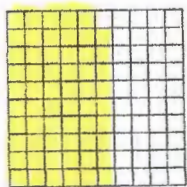
Simplify:

$$\frac{58}{100} = \frac{2 \cancel{58} / 100}{29 / 50} = \frac{29}{50}$$

= 2 quarters and 8 pennies

= $1 \frac{14}{25}$ of a 30 pak

quarts = 4 × gallons $\frac{29}{50}$ gal



11/8
Fri
59

Factor
59 2
1 59

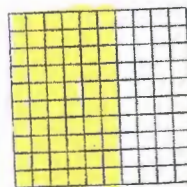
$$\frac{59}{100} = \frac{59}{100}$$

$$.5 + .09 = .59$$

59%

Factors
1 · 59
Prime
Prime factor set
59

$\frac{59}{100}$ = already simplified because 59 and 100 share no common factors other than 1



Consecutive
Day
60
11/12/13

2 60
2 30
3 15
5

$$\frac{6}{10} = \frac{60}{100}$$

$$.6 = .60$$

60%

Factors
1, 2, 4, 3, 5
12, 10, 6
15, 30, 60
Prime factorization

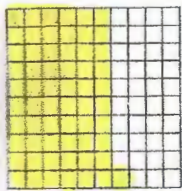
$$\frac{60}{100} = \frac{20 \cancel{60} / 100}{3 / 5}$$

$$\frac{63}{5} = \frac{3}{5}$$

2 · 2 · 3 · 5
2² · 3 · 5

* months in 5 years
* seconds in a minute
* minutes in an hour.

11/13/13



61

Factor

$$61 \overline{) 61}$$

$$\underline{1}$$

Factors

1, 61

Prime

Prime factorization

61

$$\frac{6}{10} + \frac{1}{100} = \frac{61}{100}$$

$$.6 + .01 = .61$$

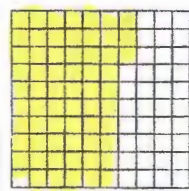
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$\frac{61}{100}$ is already simplified

11-14-13

Factor

62



$$2 \overline{) 62}$$

$$\underline{31}$$

Factors:

1, 2, 31, 62

Prime Factorization

2 · 31

$$\frac{6}{10} + \frac{2}{100} = \frac{62}{100}$$

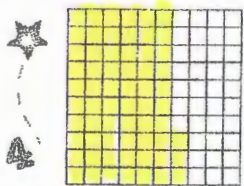
$$.6 + .02 = .62$$

62%

Simplify:

$$\frac{62}{100} = \frac{2 \overline{) 62} / 100}{31 / 50}$$

$$\frac{31}{50}$$



11/13/13

63

Factor

$$3 \overline{) 63}$$

$$\underline{21}$$

$$\underline{7}$$

Factors

1, 3, 7, 9, 21, 63

Prime factorization

$$3 \cdot 3 \cdot 7$$

$$3^2 \cdot 7$$

$$\frac{6}{10} + \frac{3}{100} = \frac{63}{100}$$

$$.6 + .03 = .63$$

63%

$\frac{63}{100}$ = already simplified

- # of stomachs in 21 cows
- 8 hearts in 21 worms
- 6 dimes & 3 pennies

11/19/13



64

Factor

$$2 \overline{) 64}$$

$$\underline{32}$$

$$\underline{16}$$

$$\underline{8}$$

$$\underline{4}$$

$$\underline{2}$$

$$\frac{6}{10} + \frac{4}{100} = \frac{64}{100}$$

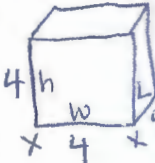
$$.6 + .04 = .64$$

64%



$$8 \times 8 = 8^2 = 64$$

Square #



$$4 \times 4 \times 4$$

$$4^3$$

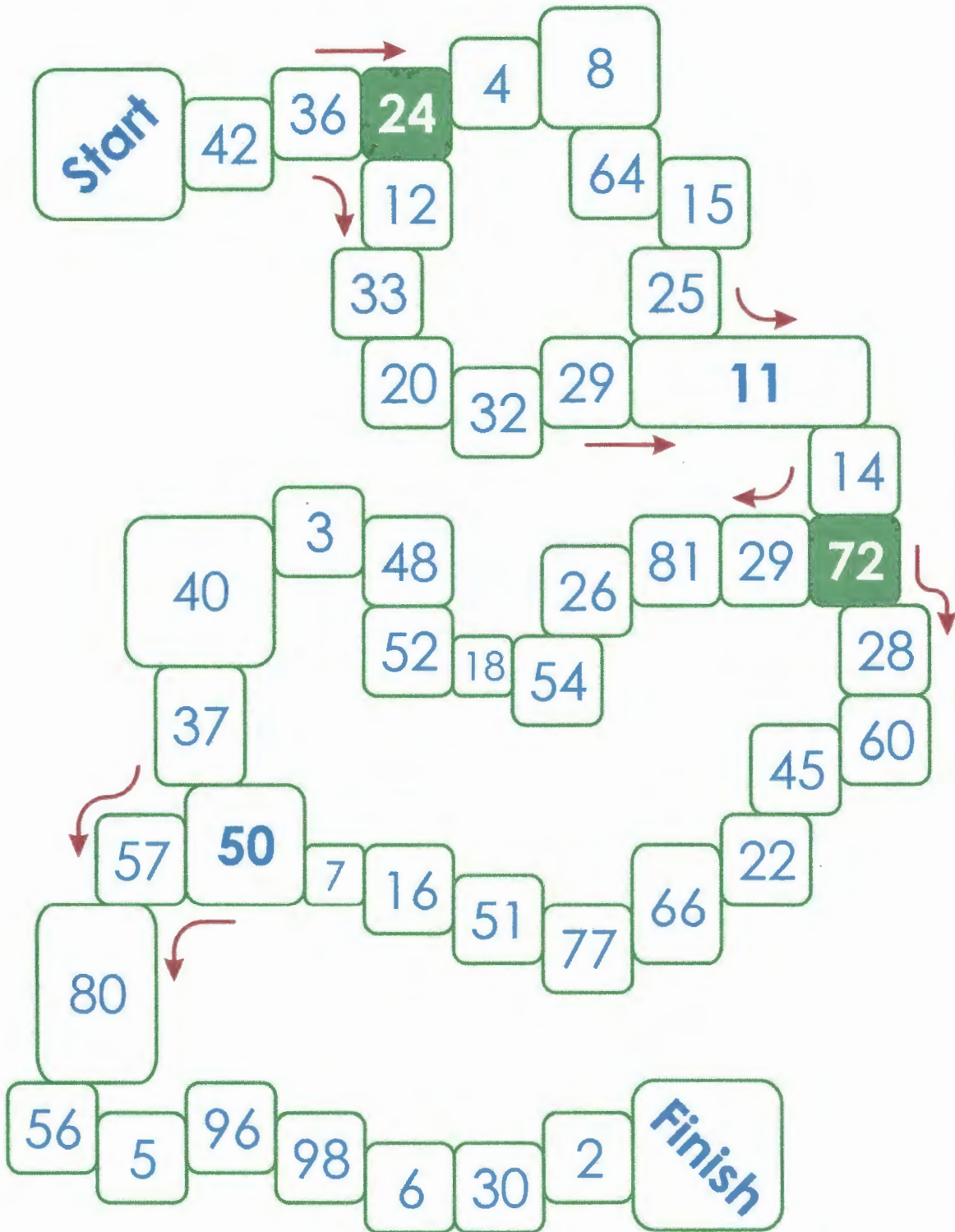
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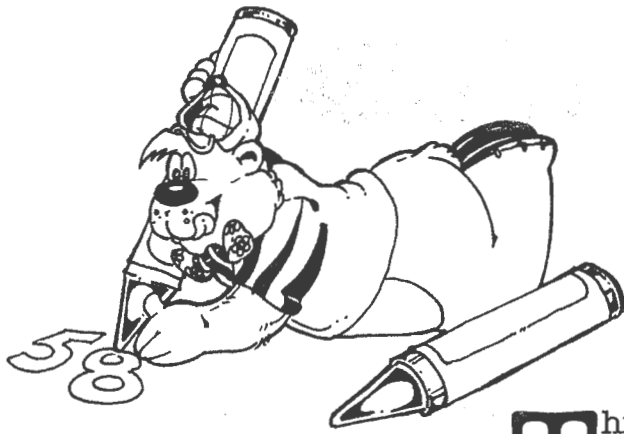
Prime factorization

$$2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2$$

$$2^6$$

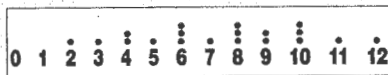
Factor Trail





Factor Fill In Game

Math Tools:



- Class Number Line



- Overhead Projector



- Overhead Pens



- Transparency of 100 or 144 Worksheet



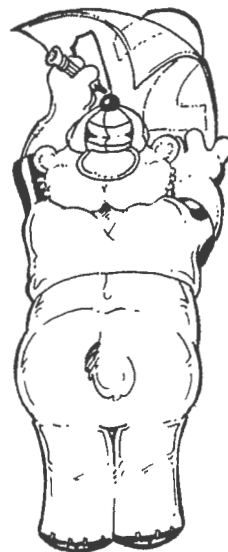
- Magic Hand

This game is played whole class using the overhead projector and transparencies of either the 100 chart or the 144 chart. The class is divided into two teams. Each team will be represented by a color of the overhead pens.

The first team selects any number on the 100 chart or 144 chart. That number is shaded in by that team's color pen. The other team must state all the factors for the selected number. Those factors would be shaded in by the second team's color. Once a number is shaded in, it cannot be used in the game again.

Play continues back and forth until there are no other numbers to be shaded in. The winning team is the team with the most numbers colored. Players quickly see that if they select a number with few factors, then the other team will get less squares on the board.

For example: Team one is yellow and team two is red. Team one chooses 12 and shades the number on the gameboard. Team two names the factors of 3, 4, 2, 6 and shades the numbers on the gameboard. Team two names the next number and team one names the factors.



				5		7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
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<http://xtrememath.com/>

Check out this site for student work shown in today's workshop. One of the best things about the eXtreme Math Games, is that the teacher can easily meet the needs of all students. It is easy to differentiate instruction.

<http://creativemathematics.com/>

Many more number line and factoring activities from Kim Sutton. Check out the Number Line Workbook

<http://coolmath.com/>

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<http://www.mathprojects.com/>

The Math Projects Journal is an international publication offering innovative math lessons, discussions of relevant topics, and contributions from teachers from around the world. From 1997-2003, MPJ published its lessons and articles in a hardcopy, bimonthly newsletter. Those lessons have now been compiled in a spiral-bound book, *MPJ's Ultimate Math Lessons*. You will also find many free lesson plans. Chris Shore is the author. Check out the Wallflowers activity for teaching integers.

<http://tttpress.com/>

Teacher to Teacher Press produces mathematics curriculum written **BY** teachers **TO** teachers and **FOR** students. These are Brad Fulton and Bill Lombard activities. Look for the "The Power of X." Download it by selecting the "Workshops and Conferences" tab and then selecting "Download Conference Materials." The handout is available under the "Conference Materials Archives" section. Email Nancy for a Power Point project for how to do "X" problems.

<http://www.boxcarsandoneeyedjacks.com/>

This is a great source for a variety of math games. You don't have to reinvent the wheel.

<http://mitest.com/>

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