THINKING WITH NUMBERS

Lesson Descriptions

Explore With Word Problems

Practical everyday situations provide the context for understanding addition and subtraction. Each of the 11 different problem structures, as identified by Cognitively Guided Instruction, is explored in this section of lessons. Children solve word problems, create word problems, and after animations to illustrate the structure, figure out the unknown amount that is hidden under a cloud.

Expected content outcomes include helping children learn:

- solve problems for each of the 11 different problems structures for addition and subtraction in the context of word problems about everyday situations and animations that illustrate the structure,
- to represent those situations with models and symbols for addition and subtraction,
- to create and solve word problems to match given conditions, and
- to recognize when addition, and subtraction can be used to solve everyday situations.