

## **Parent Letter**

Multiply Fractions

 $3 \times \frac{1}{4}$ 

We say: "three groups of  $\frac{1}{4}$ "

Dear Fourth Grade Families,

In Unit 6, students will work on the following fourth grade Common Core standards in the Number and Operations–Fractions (NF) domain:

4.NF.4a-c Apply and extend previous understandings of multiplication to multiply a fraction by a whole number.
a. Understand a fraction <sup>a</sup>/<sub>b</sub> as a multiple of <sup>1</sup>/<sub>b</sub>. For example, use a visual fraction model to represent <sup>5</sup>/<sub>4</sub> as the product 5 × (<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>), recording the conclusion by the equation <sup>5</sup>/<sub>4</sub> = 5 × (<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>).
b. Understand a multiple of <sup>a</sup>/<sub>b</sub> as a multiple of <sup>1</sup>/<sub>b</sub>, and use this understanding to multiply a fraction by a whole number. For example, use a visual fraction model to express 3 × (<sup>a</sup>/<sub>5</sub>) as 6 × (<sup>1</sup>/<sub>5</sub>), recognizing this product as <sup>6</sup>/<sub>5</sub>. (In general, n × (<sup>a</sup>/<sub>b</sub>) = (<sup>n×a)</sup>/<sub>b</sub>.)
c. Solve word problems involving multiplication of a fraction by a whole number, e.g., by using visual fraction models and equations to represent the problem. For example, if each person at a party will eat <sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> of a pound of roast beef, and there will be 5 people at the party, how many pounds of roast beef will be needed? Between what two whole numbers does your answer lie?

## Unit 6 Concepts:

- Decompose fractions using multiplication
- Multiply fraction by whole number
- Word problems with Fractions

Unit 6 Vocabulary:

- Numerator
- Denominator
- Unit Fraction
- Decompose
- Cross Multiply
- Factor
- Whole Number
- Mixed Number

## Need a review?

Have your student login to Swun Math to access lesson support videos.

Ask questions like these to help your child become a productive mathematical thinker:

- What connection is there between repeated addition and multiplication of a fraction by a whole number?
  - number? How do models help you understand what's happening when you multiply
- fractions by a whole number?
- Can you represent this fraction on a number line?



We encourage you to talk with your child daily about what was learned in math class. Thank you for your support!

