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From a Ruler to a Number Line

In this lesson, students connect the ruler, which they used extensively in the previous topic, to the number line, which they used extensively in Grade 1. This connection helps students develop meaning for addition and subtraction as they relate it to measurement. Working with number lines complements students' ideas about computation in the context of counting objects.



Grade 2 Standards

Lesson

Measurement and Data

Measure and estimate lengths in standard units.

1. Measure the length of an object by selecting and using appropriate tools such as rulers, yardsticks, meter sticks, and measuring tapes.

Relate addition and subtraction to length.

6. Represent whole numbers as lengths from 0 on a number line diagram with equally spaced points corresponding to the numbers 0, 1, 2, ..., and represent whole-number sums and differences within 100 on a number line diagram.

Learning Goals

- I can use rulers to measure an object.
- I can use a number line to add and subtract with numbers up to 20.

About the Math

- The number line is a geometric model of all real numbers. Students can use a number line to model addition and subtraction, jumping right from a starting number for addition and left for demonstrating subtraction.
- There are two different subtraction strategies: *take away* and *determining the difference*. Although both are very effective and use a number line to solve, this lesson focuses on using the *take away* strategy only.

Topic 5 Addition and Subtraction on a Number Line

Where are we?



Daily Math Routines

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Mental Math

Headline

Story

Choral Counting by 2, 5, 10, and 100

An open-ended problem to develop

language and reasoning skills

Lesson Structure and Pacing Guide



Students write equations to represent a number line model that shows a starting point and a jump. They then label number lines having different intervals.

Activate

Adding and Subtracting with Paper Strips

Purpose: To model addition and subtraction with a ruler and strips of paper

Activate

8 cm + 5 cm = 13 cm

14 cm - 6 cm = 8 cm

Adding and Subtracting with Paper Strips

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> Use the rulers to complete the activity.



Setting the Stage

- Prepare strips of blank paper that are at least 15 centimeters long.
- Distribute scissors, tape, and strips of paper to each pair of students. Use strips of paper that are wide enough that students can label them.
- Direct students to the *Adding and Subtracting with Paper Strips* activity.

Task

- Have students work in pairs to complete the activity.
- Have one student in each pair cut and label two strips of paper that are each 8 centimeters long. Have them each tape a paper strip onto the first ruler from 0 to 8 centimeters.
- Have the other student in each pair cut and label two strips of paper that are each 5 centimeters long. Have them each tape a paper strip onto the same ruler, starting at 8 centimeters.
 - How long is the first strip of paper? 8 centimeters
- > How long is the second strip of paper? 5 centimeters
- > How long are both strips combined? 13 centimeters
- What operation did you model? Addition
- How can you represent this model as an addition equation? 8 cm + 5 cm = 13 cm





- Model with mathematics.
- Use appropriate tools strategically.



Suggest that students mark off the lengths that they are measuring first and check with a partner before cutting their strips of paper. Have plenty of paper strips available for students who may make an incorrect cut first.

Language Link ⊘

Developing Mathematical Language

Students may have learned the term *take away* to refer to subtraction. Demonstrate how folding lengths under in the activity relates to taking away lengths of the strip.

- Have students record the addition equation below the first ruler in the activity.
- Have one student in each pair cut and label two strips of paper that are each 14 centimeters long.
- Have the other student in each pair measure 6 centimeters from the end of each paper strip and fold that section under. Have them each label a strip with its folded length and then tape it on the second ruler.
 - > How long was the original strip of paper? 14 centimeters
- D How many centimeters of paper did you fold under? 6 centimeters
- > How long is the new strip of paper? 8 centimeters
- What operation did you model? Subtraction
- How can you represent this model as a subtraction equation? I4 cm - 6 cm = 8 cm
- Have students record the subtraction equation below the second ruler in the activity.

Closing

- Have students analyze the strips of paper on both rulers.
 - You taped the first two strips you cut side by side. Explain how this represents addition. Sample answer: My partner and I put the two strips of paper beside each other to make a longer strip. By combining the lengths, we added them together.
 - How do you know that the third strip of paper you folded represents subtraction? Sample answer: The strip was originally 14 centimeters long. We folded under a section of the paper strip, taking away a part of the original strip.
- Have students stay on this page as they transition to the Explore. They will continue to work with the strips of paper on these rulers.

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Adding and Subtracting with Serena

Purpose: To model jumps along a ruler and a number line that represent addition and subtraction equations

Cutouts of Serena

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Adding and Subtracting with Serena

Setting the Stage

- Prepare and provide a cutout from the *Cutouts* of Serena resource for each student.
- Tell students that they are going to model the equations they just wrote with jumps.
- Have students place Serena at the end of the first paper strip labeled 8 centimeters.

What number is Serena on? 8

 Have students show Serena jump forward, or to the right,
5 centimeters. Draw an X on 8 and model Serena jumping 5 centimeters for students.

On which number did Serena land? 13



- Have students use Serena to model the subtraction equation they wrote for the second ruler.
- Have students draw an X on 14. Then, model Serena jumping backward 6 centimeters.

Why is the X on 14? Sample answer: The X is on 14 because that is the length of the strip I folded.



Habits of Mind

Model with

 Use appropriate tool strategically.



It may be beneficial for some students to show Serena starting at 0 and jumping to the first addend or the minuend and then jumping to the second addend or the subtrahend.

Lesson 1

Explore 1 continued



Jumps on the number line may present a considerable cognitive challenge to students. What stands out visually is the dots, not the spaces in between them. You may want to show students how to jump on the number line one number at a time to help build their understanding of jumps on a number line.

Challenge Opportunity

Have students create their own addition and subtraction equations. They should draw them on a number line and have a partner write the equation that models their jumps.

Task

- Direct students to the Adding and Subtracting with Serena activity.
- Have students draw an X on the number
 5 on the ruler. Then, have them place
 Serena on top of the X.
 Tell students to jump
 Serena forward
 4 centimeters.
 - Does Serena's jump model addition or subtraction? How do you know? Sample answer: Serena's jump models addition because she jumps forward to a greater number.



 \bigcirc What equation does Serena's jump model? 5 + 4 = 9

- Tell students that the addition and subtraction equations do not have to represent measurements, so they can also use a number line to model any addition and subtraction equation.
- Have a student read the definition for number line.
 - > How are a ruler and a number line alike? Sample answer: They both show numbers in order, and the numbers are all the same distance apart.
- How are a ruler and a number line different? Sample answer: The distance between the numbers matters on a ruler, but it doesn't on a number line.
- Have students continue to model addition and subtraction on the number line using these expressions. After each one, have students describe where they start and how Serena jumped.

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Closing

- Facilitate a discussion about how they used a ruler and a number line to model addition and subtraction.
- How do you move Serena when you are modeling addition? Sample answer: I move Serena forward toward greater numbers.
- How do you move Serena when you are modeling subtraction? Sample answer: I move Serena backward toward lesser numbers.
- How does a ruler and a number line support your thinking when adding and subtracting? Sample answer: They both have numbers in order, so I can show jumps that represent numbers I am adding or subtracting.

Adding and Subtracting on the Number Line

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Purpose: To write equations based on models that show a starting number and a jump

Adding and Subtracting on the Number Line

Setting the Stage

• Direct students to the *Adding and Subtracting on the Number Line* activity. Have a student read the directions aloud.

Task

- Have students work in pairs to complete the activity.
- Monitor students to determine whether they can identify the starting point, the jump (change), or the ending point (result) based on the model and work through the questions together.

Closing

- Facilitate a discussion about Question 2. Have students describe their model and share their equation.
 - How can you describe this model? Sample answers: This is an addition model because the jump is forward. Serena started at 2 and jumped 7 spaces to the 9.
 - What equation does this model represent? 2 + 7 = 9





Habits of Mind

Lesson 1

- Model with mathematics.
- Use appropriate tools strategically.

Common Misconception

Students sometimes count the dots they pass over as the jump distance when determining the jump difference. When necessary, remind students that the distance of the jump is the number of spaces between the starting and ending points. Have students place cubes within each space to indicate the number of jumps it takes to move from 1 number to another.



Observe students as they write equations to model each jump.

- For each ruler and number line, can students explain the meaning of the arrow, the X, and the jump distance?
- Can students distinguish addition from subtraction?



Habits of Mind

- Model with mathematics.
- Use appropriate tools strategically.

Language Link C Multilingual Learner Support

Display the words *line, dot, label, jump, starting point, ending point,* and *equation.* Display a number line model and have students label it with the terms to reinforce the mathematical language in the lesson.

Differentiation Strategy Just in Time Support

Consider providing students with specific equations to use as they explain how to model addition and subtraction using a number line. You may wish to draw the model as students explain, making sure that students relate each number in the equation to the starting point, the jump, and the ending point on the model. Reflect

Reflect and Summarize

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Purpose: To reflect on using a number line to model addition or subtraction equations

Reflect and Summarize

Setting the Stage

• Direct students to the *Reflect and Summarize* activity. Have a student read the question aloud.

Task

• Have students work individually to answer the question.

Reflect Batter and Summarize I hink about what you learned in this lesson. We can you model addition or subtraction equations on a number line? Explain your thinking using words, numbers, or pictures. Sample answer: For addition, I can start on the number line of one of the numbers I am adding and then show a jump forward to the ending number, or sum. For subtraction, I can start on the number line and jump backward the number of spaces I am subtracting. Where I land is the difference.

Closing

- Facilitate a discussion about using a number line to add or subtract.
- How can you model addition on a number line? Sample answer: I can model a jump forward so that the ending number is greater than the starting number.
- How can you model subtraction on a number line? Sample answer: I can model a jump backward so that the ending number is less than the starting number.

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Planning to Re-Engage

Use the Reflect activity to assess each student's current level of understanding with using number lines to model addition and subtraction. In preparation for the Re-Engagement Lesson, indicate here which students are demonstrating green, yellow, and red levels of understanding.



Assignment

From a Ruler to a Number Line

Purpose: To write equations to represent a number line model that shows a starting point and a jump and to label number lines having different intervals



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