

The chalkboard displays three methods for finding sums: Equal Groups, Repeated Addition, and Skip-Counting. The whiteboard overlay includes a table for Equal Groups:

Number of Groups	Number in Each Group	How many in all?
2	2	$2+2+2+2=8$
3	3	$3+3+3=9$
4	4	$4+4+4=12$
5	5	$5+5+5=15$
6	6	$6+6+6=18$

Multiplication

2nd Grade Lesson

The whiteboard overlay illustrates equivalent fractions using fraction bars and equations:

$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{4}{8}$

$\frac{4}{4} = \frac{8}{8} = 1$

$\frac{1 \times 2}{2 \times 2} = \frac{2 \times 2}{4 \times 2} =$

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Equivalent Fractions

3rd Grade Lesson

Problem of the Day

Total = 21
apples pumpkins

$p + (p + 5) = 21$
 $2p + 5 = 21$
 $18p = 16$
 $2p = 8$

Objective: $11 - 2$

$21 = 0 + (a - 5)$
 $21 = p + (p + 5)$

apples pumpkins

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Solving Multiple-Step Equations

8th Grade Lesson

symmetry a figure has symmetry if it can be folded in half so that the two parts match exactly

Shape	Number of Lines of Symmetry
Equilateral Triangle	3
Isosceles Triangle	1
Scalene Triangle	0
Rectangle	2
Square	4
Parallelogram	0
Kite	1
Circle	Infinite

No Symmetry

vertical line of symmetry

horizontal line of symmetry

Line of Symmetry

4th Grade Lesson

1. Composed by similar shapes
2. 3 Squares and 2 Triangles
3. Form a triangular prism
4. Various nets based on the way you cut the prism.

When creating nets, we need to pay attention to:
1. Number of faces
2. Shapes of the faces
3. If the faces are not next to each other on the face, they cannot be next to each other on the net.

Nets of Triangular Prism

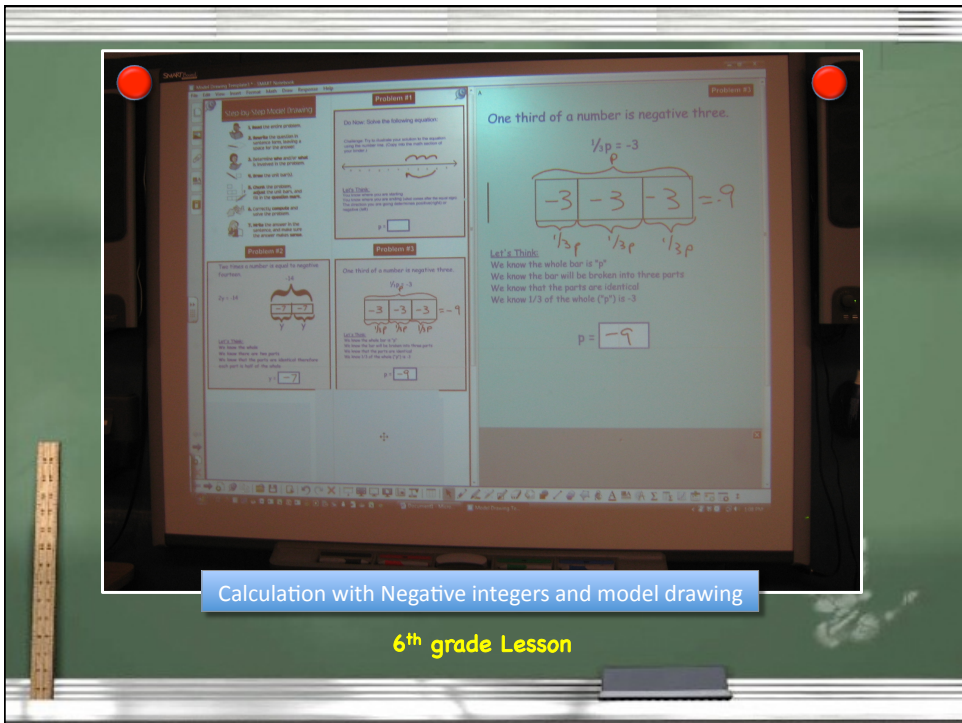
6th Grade Lesson

Geometric Model for Distributive Property

Two ways to find the total area.
Width by total length Sum of smaller rectangles
 $9(4+x) = 9(4) + 9(x)$

Distributive Property

8th Grade Lesson



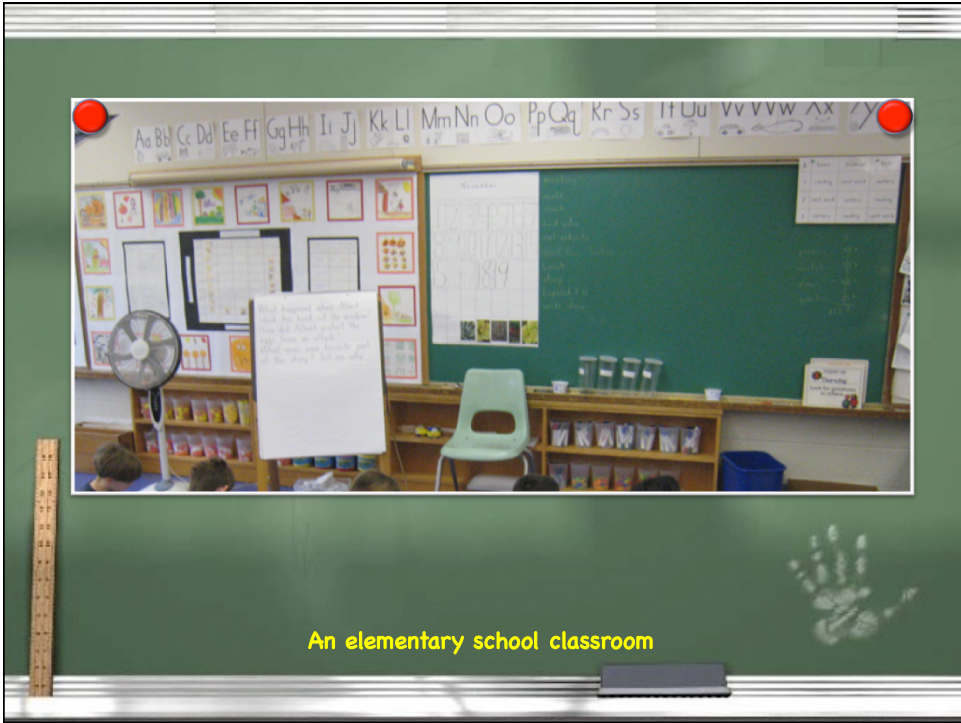
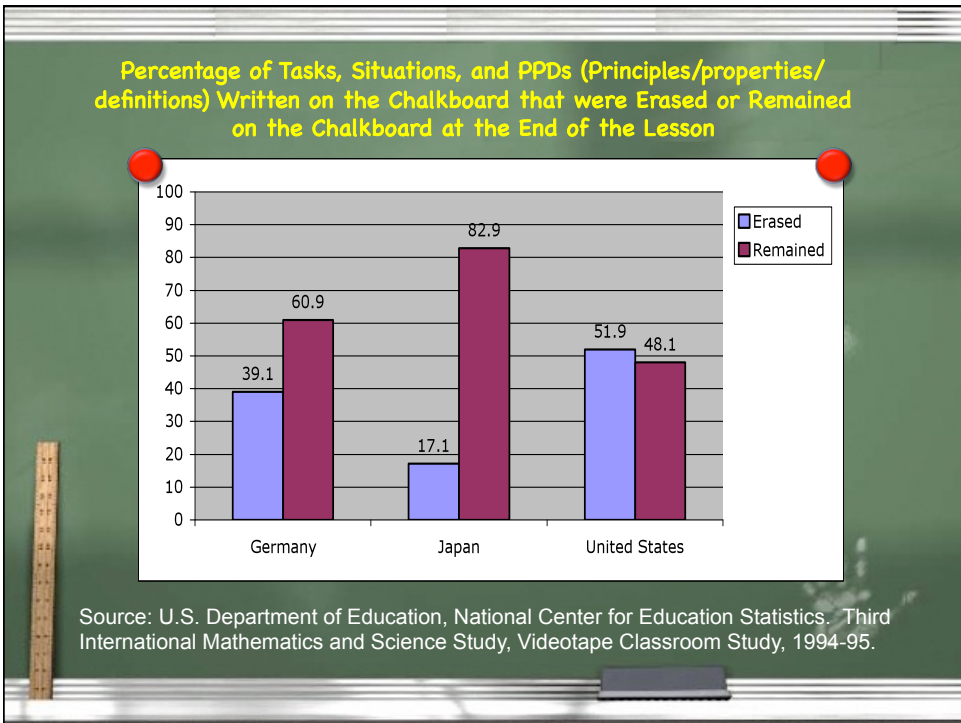
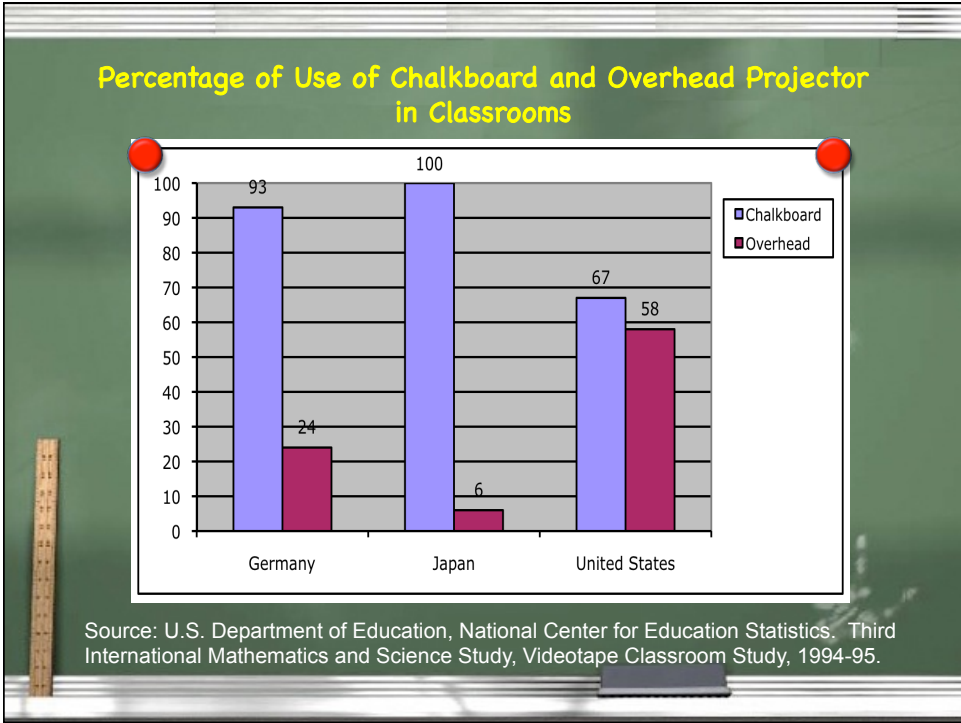


Image of Blackboards in Today's Classrooms (U.S.)

- An old instructional tool that is dusty and chalky (whiteboard is better),
- Not friendly to our skin and health,
- Not good for keeping our clothes clean
- Annoying scraping sound makes us want to scream!
- "Chalk and talk," – not a good tool
- Good for students to show their work
- OHP, Document projector, Smartboard, PowerPoints, are better

Image of Blackboards in Today's Classrooms (Japan)

- Help to organize learning of a lesson
 - Builds coherence of lesson and providing reference points
 - Show highlight points of a lesson
 - Help to see summary of a lesson
- Help to provide opportunities for students to participate during the lesson
- Help to compare and discuss different thinking and ideas



My Observation of Blackboard Use in Japan

- Japanese teachers rarely erase what they write on the blackboard. Everything they choose to record has a meaning and purpose, as it has been carefully planned in advance.

Source: Yoshida (1999) Lesson Study: A Case Study of A Japanese Approach to Improving Instruction Through School-Based Teacher Development

What Japanese Teachers Say about Blackboard Use

One Japanese teacher described the importance that Japanese teachers place on using the blackboard:

“My senior teachers told me ‘you should not erase what you write if you write on the blackboard and you should not write on the board if you are going to erase it.’”

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Another Japanese teacher described it like this:

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Use or Organization of Blackboard

板書 (Bansho) (Board-Writing)

- A technical term created by Japanese teachers
- Considered an important teaching skill
- Considered one of the necessary tools for child-centered discovery-oriented lessons or structured problem solving lesson
- Often discussed during lesson study

Mathematical Instruction

- Three Levels of Mathematical Instruction:
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(Sugiyama 2008)

LEVEL OF SOPHISTICATION OF
BLACKBOARD USE



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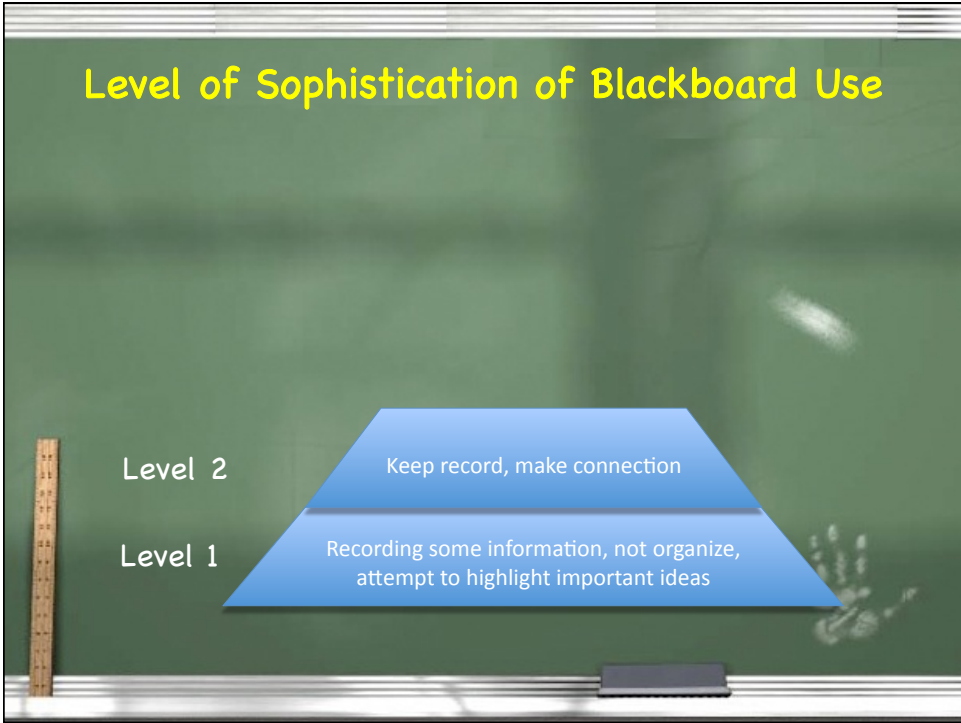
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8th Grade Lesson: Solving Multiple-Step Equations

Blackboard Use: Level 2

1. Keep a Record of the Lesson
 - Problem
 - Questions
 - Directions to proceed activities or experiments
 - Student solutions
 - Important content ideas
2. Help students see the connections between the different parts of lesson and the progression of the lesson
 - Summary of the entire lesson
 - Coherent flow of the lesson (how we reached the conclusion)



7th Grade Lesson: Distributive Property

Sticky Note 1: A rectangle with dimensions 30 yd and 20 yd, and a total length of 120 yd. Below it: A.2.a. Find the area of each part. A.2.b. Write a number sentence to show the sum of the smaller areas is equal to the total area.

Sticky Note 2: A rectangle with dimensions 12 and 7. Below it: B.1. Write two different expressions to find the area of the rectangle.

Sticky Note 3: A rectangle with dimensions 5 and 17. Below it: B.2. Write two different expressions to find the area of the rectangle.

Handwritten Work:

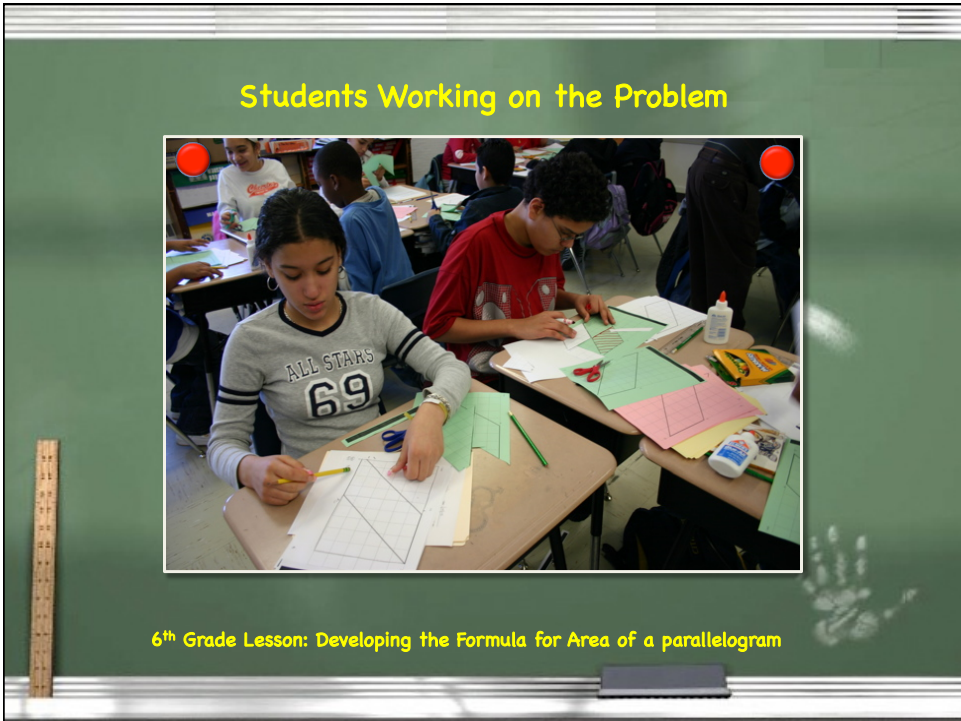
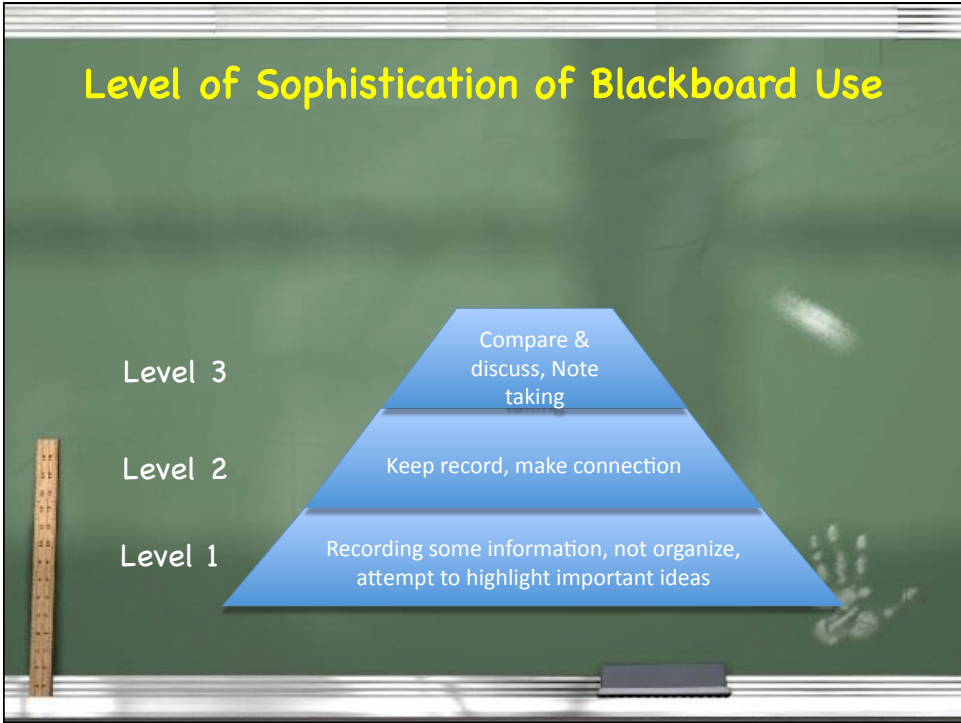
Area
 $120 \times 30 = 3600 \text{ yd}^2$
 $120 \times 20 = 2400 \text{ yd}^2$
 A z.b. $(30 \times 20) + (120 \times 20) =$
 (50×20)
 $(30 \times 120) + (120 \times 20) = (30 + 20) \times 120$

B.1. $12 \times (3 + 7)$
 $(12 \times 3) + (12 \times 7)$

B.2. $(5 \times 17) + (5 \times 17)$
 OR
 $5 \times (17 + 17)$

Blackboard Use: Level 3

1. Help students see the connections between the different parts of the lesson and the progression of the lesson
 - Summary of the entire lesson
 - Coherent flow of the lesson (how we reached the conclusion)
2. Compare and discuss Ideas
 - Different solutions and ideas are discussed based on student presentation
 - Organizing ideas, categorizing, effectiveness, accuracy, are discussed
 - Recording student discussions and highlighting and summarizing their findings
3. Fostering students' organized note-taking skills by modeling good organization

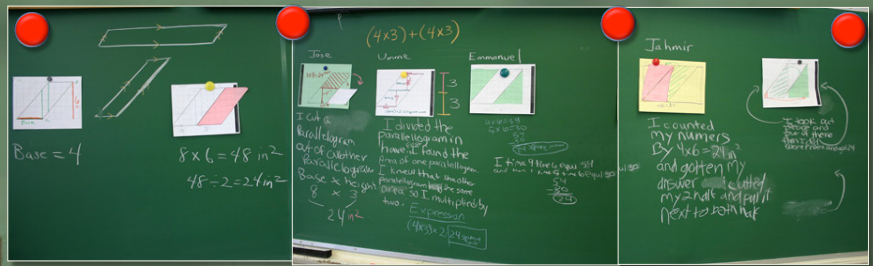


A Student Presenting Her Idea



6th Grade Lesson: Developing the Formula for Area of a Triangle

Blackboard Organization

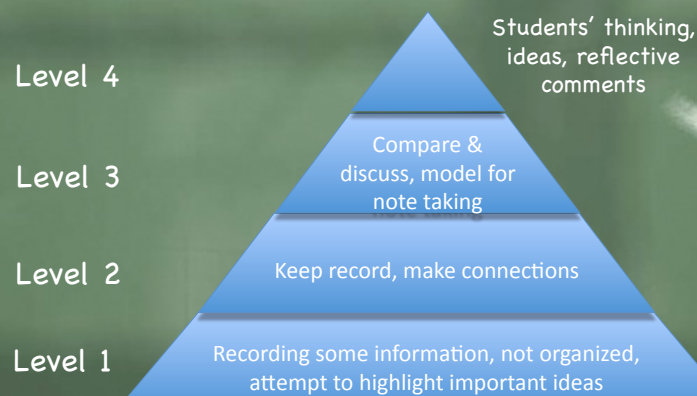


6th Grade Lesson: Developing the Formula for Area of a Parallelogram

Blackboard Use: Level 4

- Enhances deeper thinking: Compare and discuss Ideas (e.g. mathematical thinking)
- Students' ideas for how to, ways to think, and reflective comments are recorded and discussed,
- Fostering students' organized note-taking skills by modeling good organization (including ideas, method, reflective comments)
- *Bansho* as one large page of notebook that is constructed together with students and teaches as whole class

Level of Sophistication of Blackboard Use



Start with smaller number sided polygons (triangle, square, pentagon, ...)(Yellow)

Start with hexagon (Red)

How many diagonals does an octagon have?

Count diagonals systematically Use different colors (Red)

Might be better to put a letter at each vertex

I wonder if there is a pattern... (Red)

Draw diagrams and think (Red)

$5 \times 8 = 40$ (diagonals)

Non- systematic counting

4 diagonals

Counting diagonals using different colors

5th Grade Lesson: Finding Number of Diagonals of an Octagon

Example of Student Notebook

If I draw all the diagonals it looks like this.

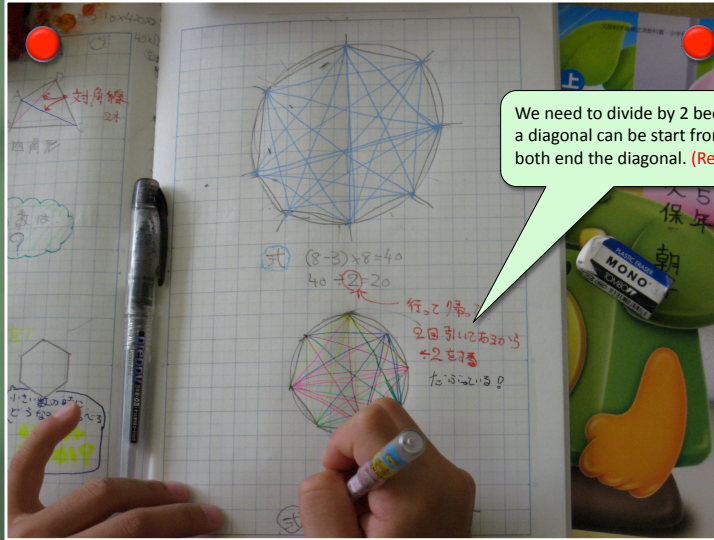
Each vertex has 5 diagonals but half of the total numbers of diagonals are overlap

Reflection: I thought it is easier to see if we use colors. I did not pay attention to the diagonals that are overlapped so I made a mistake at the beginning.

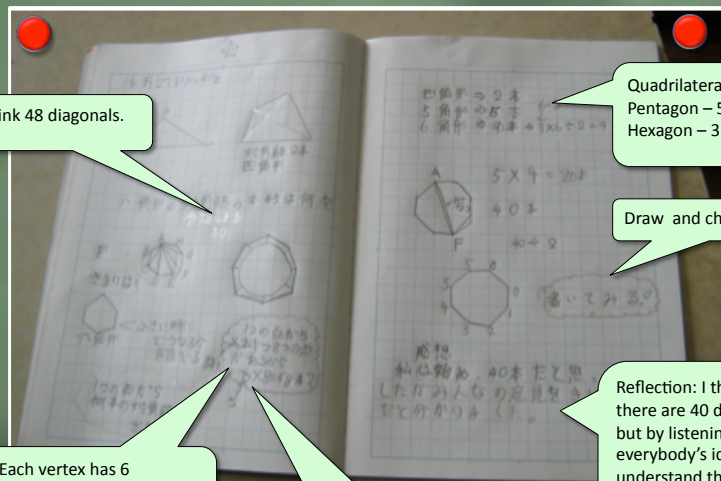
I wonder if there is a pattern... (Red)

There are some overlaps so we need to divided by 2 (Red)

Example of Student Notebook



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I think 48 diagonals.

Each vertex has 6 diagonals and there are 8 vertices. $6 \times 8 = 48$

Correction: each vertex has 5 diagonals.

Reflection: I thought there are 40 diagonals but by listening to everybody's idea, I understand there are 20 diagonals.

Significance of Bansho

- Help to understand the points of the lesson clearly
- Be able to see and understand the process of the lesson
- Help to promote student thinking
- Be able to gather everybody's ideas
- Be able to compare and contrast ideas and raise the level of thinking and understanding
- Help to think together as a class
- Help to organize and clarify thinking
- Help to improve note taking

Bansho

Keep in mind about:

- Process, flow, and connection of learning
- Goals of the lesson
- Best use of students' thinking, ideas, and voices
- Visually attractive and welcoming
- Developing note taking skills

Strategies for Enhancing the Effectiveness of Blackboards for Improving Student Learning

- Organization of material
 - Sequencing (left to right, top to bottom, chronological)
 - Separate sections
 - Headings (e.g. today's lesson) labels (e.g. student names)
- Differentiation or highlighting of material
 - Use colored chalk
 - Circle or box off parts
 - Student thinking is shown in balloons
 - Teachers versus student manipulatives, diagrams (prepare vs. created)

Strategies for Enhancing the Effectiveness of Blackboards for Improving Student Learning

- Connection of different elements
 - Use of arrows, lines, circle
 - Juxtapose movable materials
 - Use of foldable transformable materials
- Facilitate access
 - Attractive, colorful materials
 - large visuals and print
 - Pre-prepared materials that have been carefully designed to convey key points

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(Sugiyama 2008)

Mathematical Practices

1. Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them
2. Reason abstractly and quantitatively
3. Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others
4. Model with mathematics

Creating Mathematical Thinkers

Mathematical Practices

5. Use appropriate tools strategically
6. Attend to precision
7. Look for and make structure
8. Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning

Creating Mathematical Thinkers

- Have Habits of Mind: Creating mathematical thinkers
- Conduct Kyozaikenkyu
- Establish Clear goal(s) of lesson (content, process & proficiency goals.)
- Develop Bansho plan

Resources for Bansho and Note Taking

第2問/12

問題
13-9の計算の仕方を考えよう。

1 13-9の計算の仕方を考えよう。

2 13-9の計算の仕方を考えよう。

3 13-9の計算の仕方を考えよう。

4 13-9の計算の仕方を考えよう。

5 13-9の計算の仕方を考えよう。

13-9の けいさんの しきた

3から9はひける。
13を10と3に分ける。
10から9をひいて1。
1と3を合わせて4。

13-9の けいさんの しきた

12を10と2に分ける。
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Methods for finding area

2 Find the area of the shape on the right.

1 Let's think about how we can calculate the area of shapes like this.

2 Write down the way you thought about doing it using pictures and math sentences.

3 Write them in a way that other people can understand them.

4 If you find one way, try to find another way.

5 It looks like there are many ways, aren't there?

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Problem Solving and Board Organization

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Miho and her classmates are explaining their friends' ideas.

Hiroki

$4 \times 6 - 2 \times 3 = 24 - 6 = 18$
Answer: 18cm²

Takumi

$4 \times 6 - 2 \times 3 = 24 - 6 = 18$
Answer: 18cm²

Yumi

$4 \times (6+3) \div 2 = 4 \times 9 \div 2 = 36 \div 2 = 18$
Answer: 18cm²

I think Hiroki is using the segment that connects G and E to ...

What are some similarities and differences between these and your ideas?

Discuss it with your classmates. Find some good points that your friends made.

We can calculate the area of shapes like by making use of rectangles and squares.

Let's summarize. What did you learn in today's lesson?

Let's check. Try different problems using what you've learned today.

Calculate the area of the shape below in many different ways.

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Note Taking

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Record of Learning: **My Math Notes**

When studying mathematics, use what you have learned before to solve new problems. Keep a good record of your learning in your notes so that you can always look back.

In your notebook, record:

- Date
- (Problem)
- (My Idea)
- (Friends' Ideas)
- (Summary)
- (Reflection)
- etc.

Write down friends' ideas that you thought were good or that may be useful in the future.

As (Reflection) record:

- What you've come to understand
- What you noticed
- What you want to examine next
- What you thought as you listened to your friends' ideas etc.

November 18 (Problem) Determine the area of the shape on the right.

(My Idea) $2 \times 3 + 2 \times 6 = 18$
Answer: 18cm²
I solved it by splitting the shape into 2 rectangles.

(Friend's Idea) (Takumi) $4 \times 6 - 2 \times 3 = 18$
Answer: 18cm²
From a large rectangle, he subtracted a small rectangle.

(Summary) I learned that we can determine the area of a shape like by making use of rectangles and squares.

(Reflection) I learned that by splitting the shape into rectangles, it is easy to determine the area of a shape like .

Think about ways to improve your notes

I don't erase an incorrect answer. Instead I write the correct answer and where I made the mistakes.

$4 \times 6 - 2 \times 3 = 18$
mistake: $= 18$

$2 \times 3 + 2 \times 6 = 18$
I used the formula we learned about on November 18th to find the area of a rectangle.

When we use an idea that we learned before, I write down the date of that lesson from My Math Note.

Write down things I thought about or points to be careful about in a balloon.

Check when the vertical and horizontal sides of a rectangle are before writing a math sentence.

See what your friends wrote in their Reflection

(Reflection) Everyone used 2 rectangles to find the area. Using what we studied today, I want to try lots of different problems.

(Reflection) I was impressed because Takumi thought about subtracting a small rectangle from a large one. I want to be able to think like that too.

Merits of Note Taking:

- Keeps a record of your own learning (understanding, misunderstanding and mistakes, thinking, progress, strength, weakness, etc.)
- Helpful for reflecting and justifying your own learning
- Helpful resource for problem solving (using prior knowledge to solve a new problem; help to identify what we have learned before and use the information)
- Helpful data for teacher to monitor and evaluate student learning and understanding

Grade 1



Grade 4

Pay Attention to Commonalities Thinking with diagrams

1 There is a small pool and a large pool. Ken swam across the small pool once and the large pool twice. He swam 63m altogether. Ritsuko swam across the small pool once and the large pool four times. She swam 113m altogether. What are the lengths of the small pool and the large pool?

Going "across once" means to go from one end of the pool to the other.

The diagram below is a record of Ken's swimming. Complete the diagram to record Ritsuko's swimming in the same way.

Since we don't know the lengths of the pools, we are tentatively using 1 interval for the length of the small pool and 2 intervals for the large pool, aren't we?

When these diagrams are written one above the other, it is easier to compare them, isn't it?

Find the lengths of the pools using the diagrams.

2 At the Higashiyama town park, there is a small running track and a large track. Naon ran around the small track twice and the large track 3 times. She ran for 610m altogether. Kazuya ran around the small track once and the large track 3 times. He ran 530m altogether. How long are the small and the large tracks?

Think about the problem using diagrams.

Grade 4

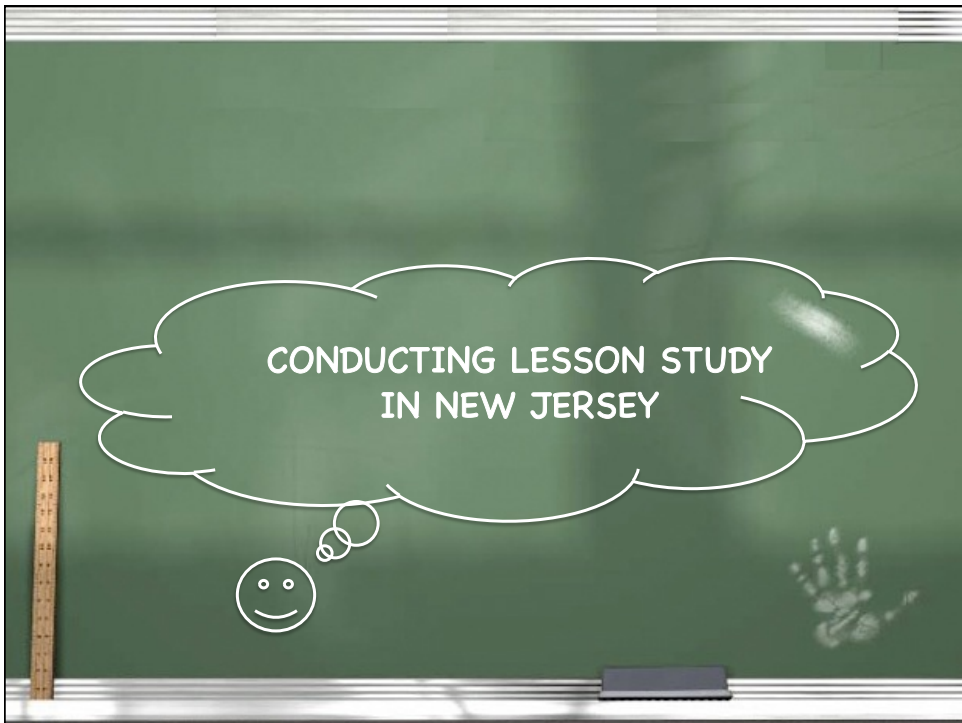
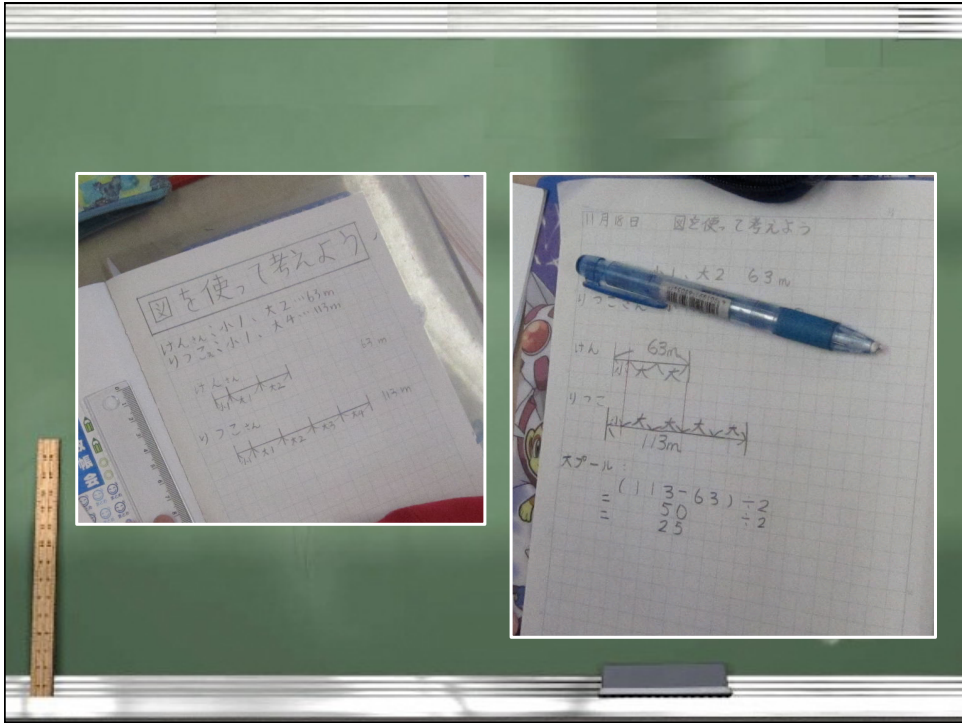
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図を使って考えよう

けん: 小1 大2 → 63m

りつこ: 小1 大4 → 113m

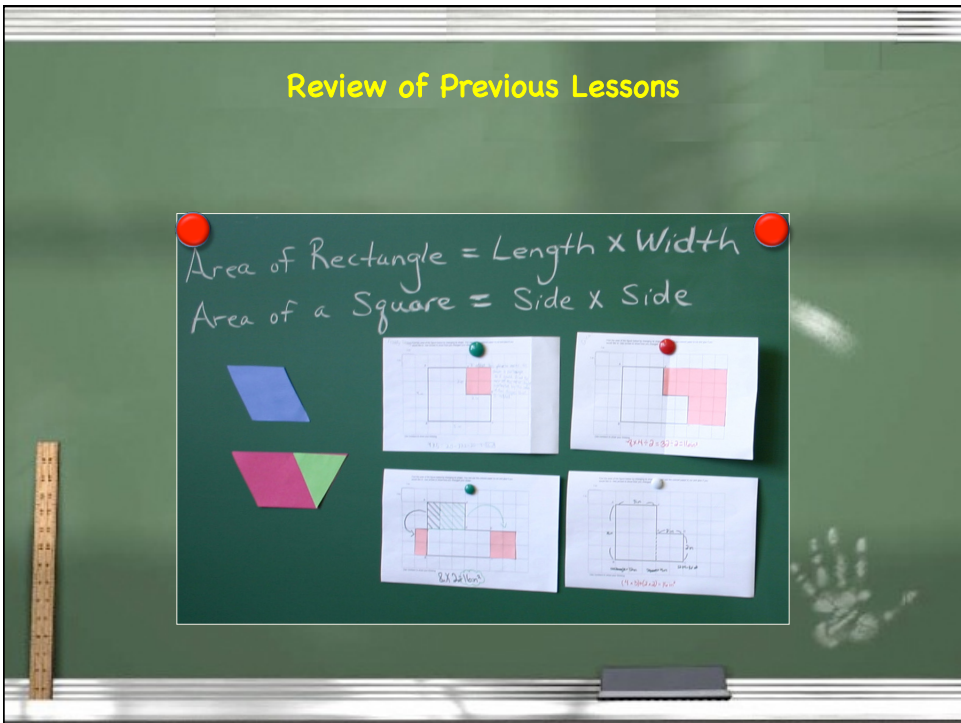
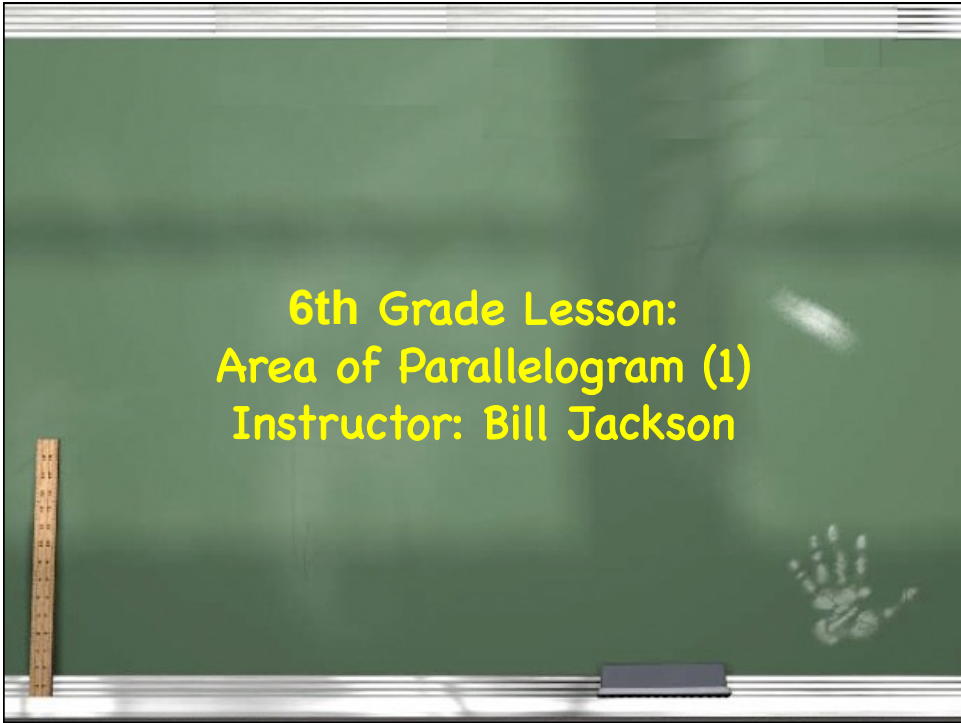
けん: 小 大 大



About Paterson Public School #2

- One of the oldest, continuously-existing public schools in the U.S. (1856).
- Part of the third largest school system in New Jersey
- 720 students in grades pre-K to 8
- 75% Latino, 13% Bengali, 12% African-American
- 98% free lunch
- 30% of students in bilingual programs
- 42% rate of transience

- Lesson Study Goal:
"Enhancing students' communication skills and mathematical thinking through board organization" (2002 - 2003) (2005 - 2007)



Setting up a Main Problem

parallelogram triangle trapezoid

Find the area of the parallelogram by changing its shape.

Main Problem

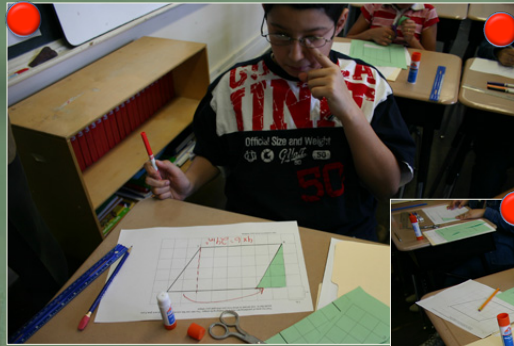
Find the area of the parallelogram by changing its shape.

1 cm

1 cm

A B C D

Students Solving the Problem On Their Own



Student Presentation

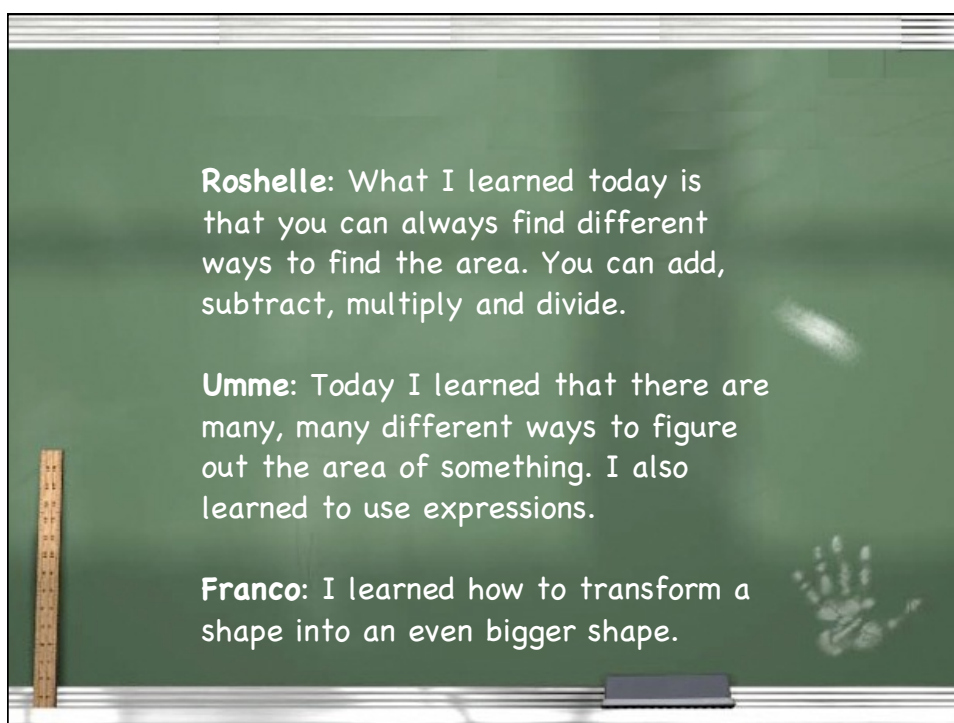
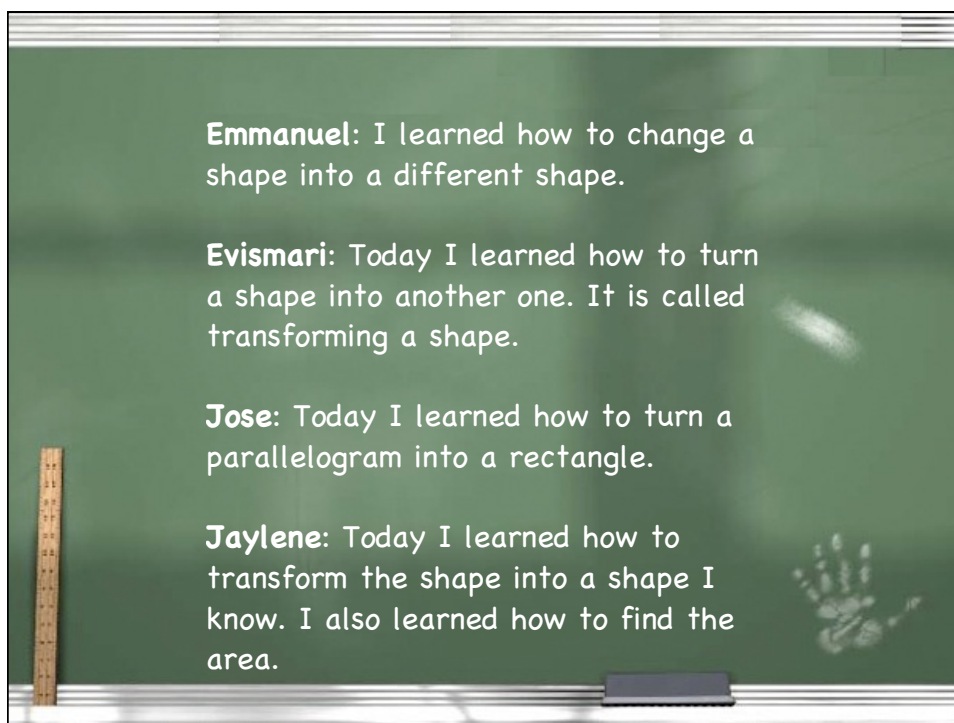


Discussing and Clarifying Students' Presentation








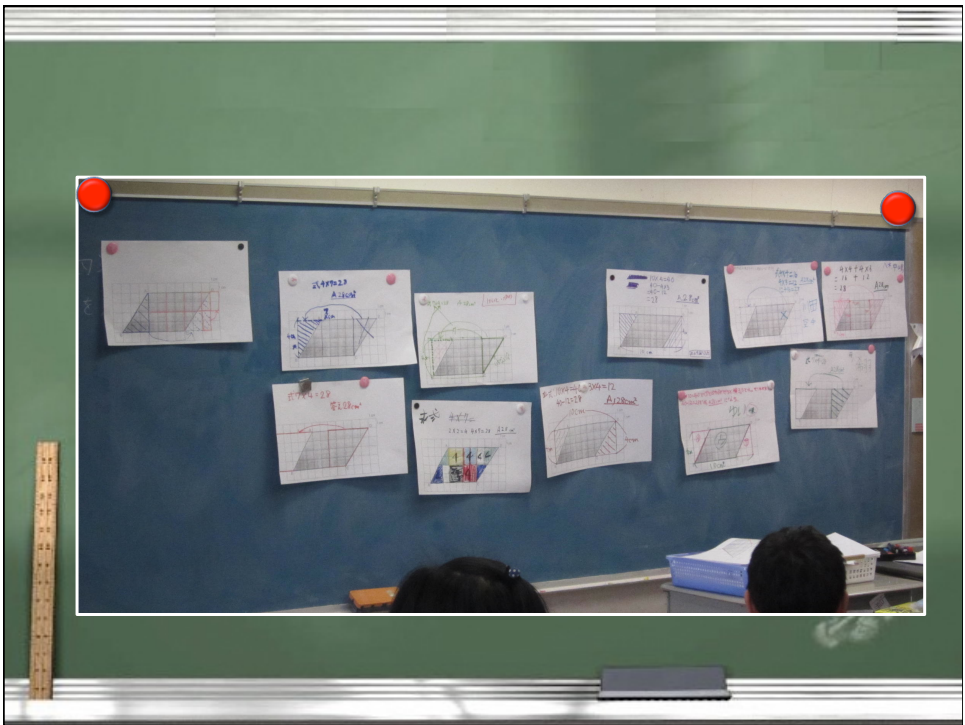
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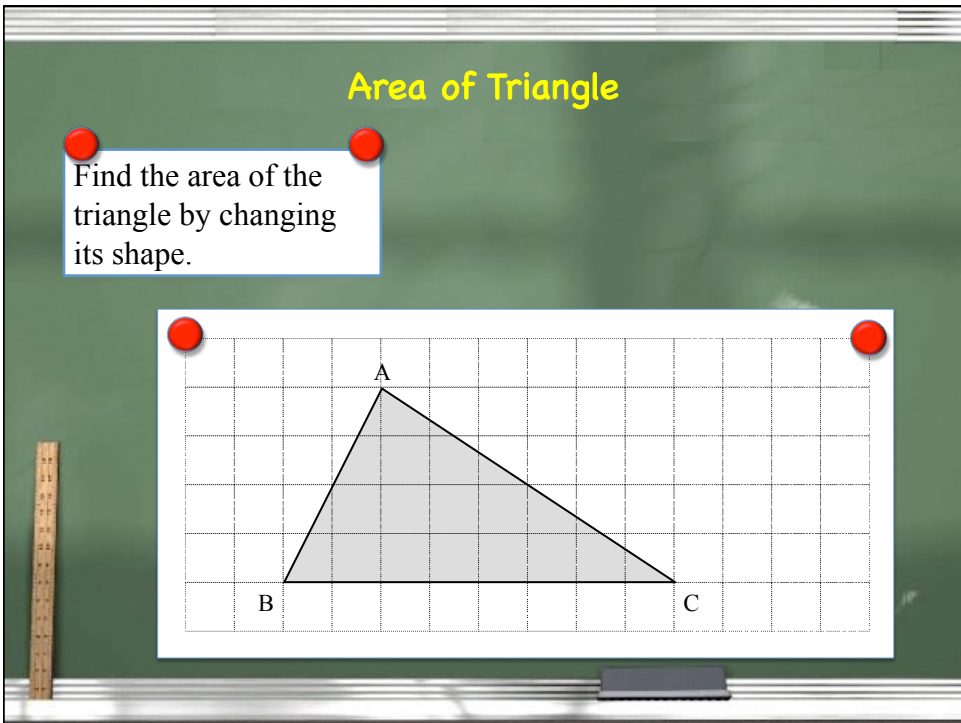
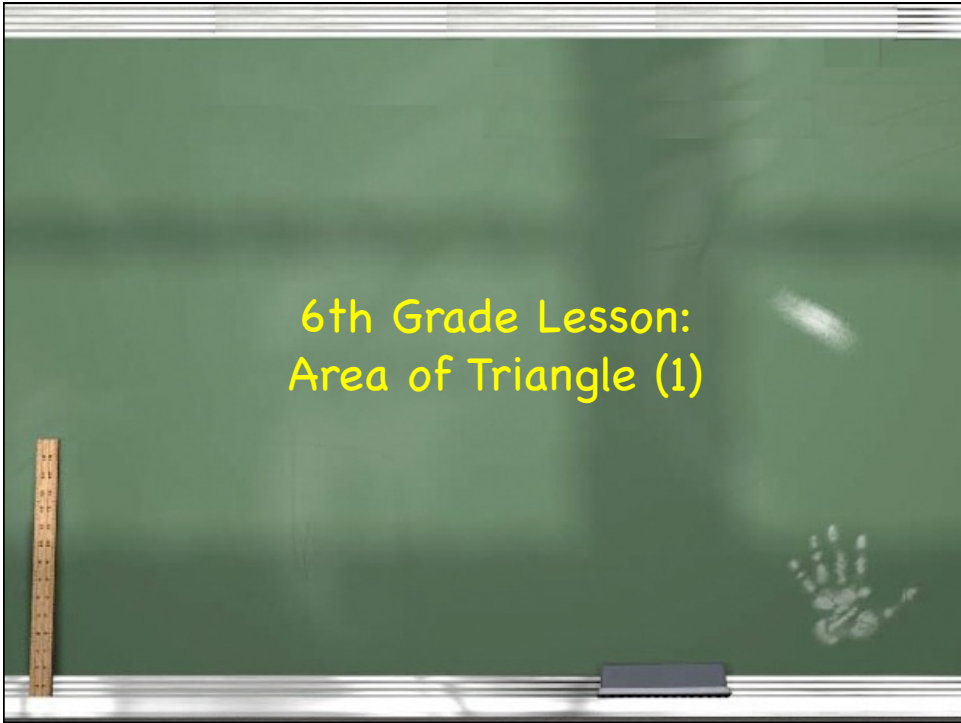


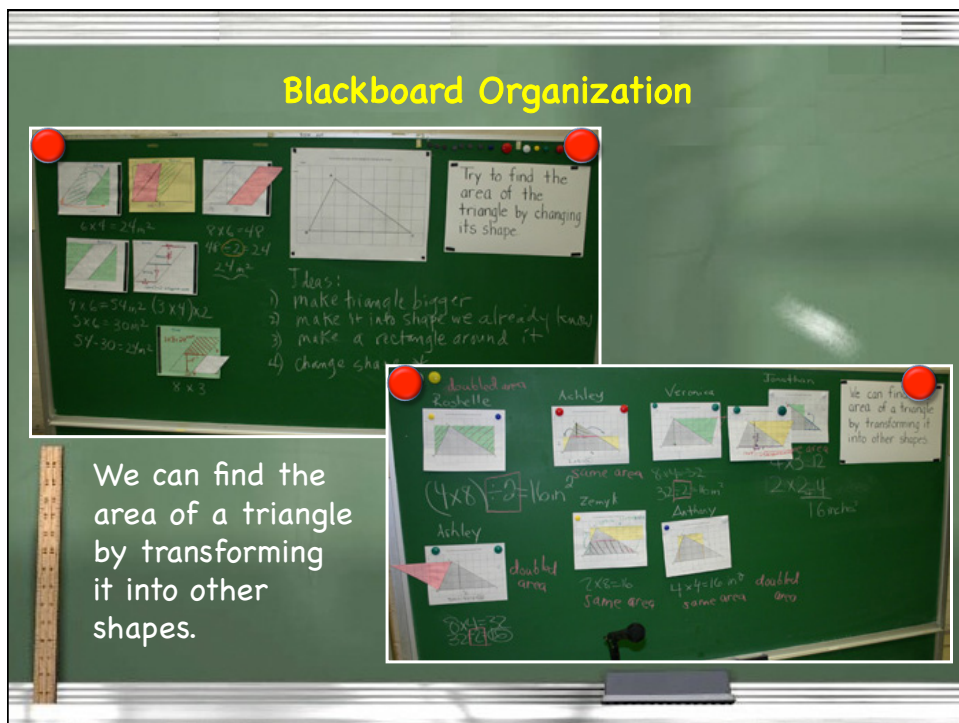


Ashley: Today I learned that you can transform the shape or increase the area. Example:

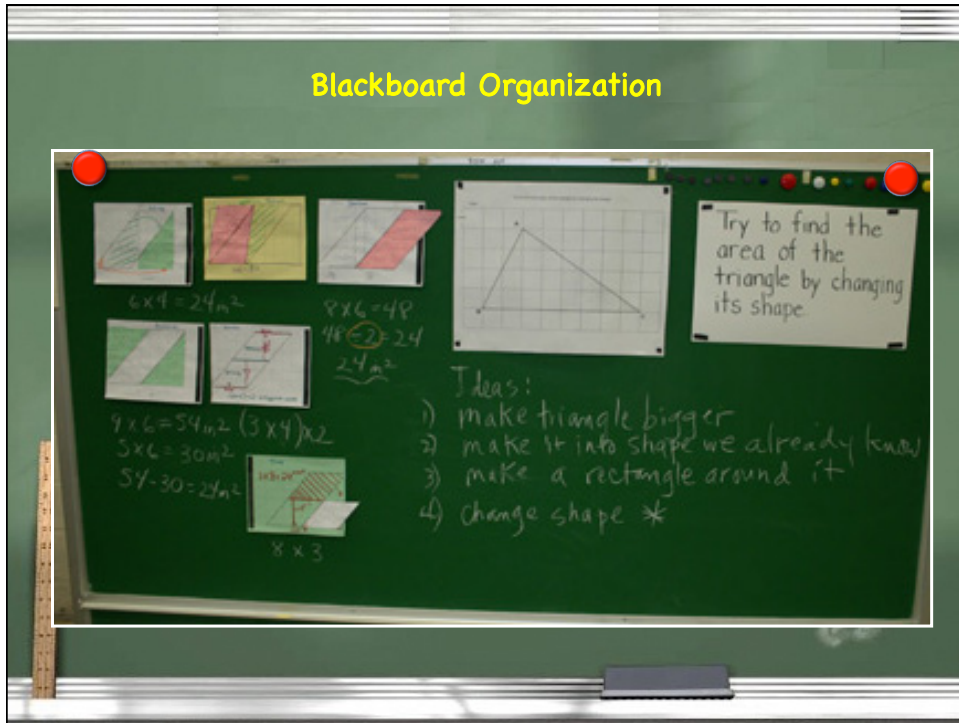
<p>Evi and Umme's method</p>  <p>$(6 - 2 + 2) \times 4 = 24$ sq. units</p>	<p>Priscilla's method</p>  <p>$(4 \times 2 \div 2) + (4 \times 4) + (4 \times 2 \div 2) = 24$ sq. units.</p>
<p>Roshelle's method</p>  <p>$(6 - 1 + 1) \times 4 = 24$ sq. units</p>	<p>Veronica's method</p>  <p>$(6 - 4 + 4) \times 4 = 24$ sq. units</p>
<p>Jose's method</p>  <p>$(8 \times 4) - (2 \times 4) = 24$ sq. units</p>	







Blackboard Organization



Blackboard Organization



Blackboard Planning

Review

Previous Methods

Try to find the area of the triangle by changing its shape.

's Method

$(2 \times 4 \div 2) + (6 \times 4 \div 2) = 16 \text{ in}^2$

's Method

$8 \times 4 \div 2 = 16 \text{ in}^2$

's Method

$8 \times (4 \div 2) = 16 \text{ in}^2$

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Additional methods

We can find the area of a triangle by transforming it into other shapes.

We can make a parallelogram with two congruent triangles but we must divide the area by 2.

Progression of Blackboard

