

Make Those Baskets

Objective:

By the end of the lesson/activity, the students will be able to:

- Recognize math periods and number patterns to read and write in standard form.

Materials:

- “Rearrange the Basketballs” handout
- “Basketball Numbers” activity sheet
- Resealable bags

Teacher Preparation:

- Copy and cut the “Basketball Numbers” sheet for each student and place in the resealable bags.
- Copy the “Rearrange the Basketballs” handout for each student.

Activity:

- Allow the students to choose 6 numbers from the bag and place them at the top of their “Rearrange the Basketballs” handout.
- Before the students complete their place-value charts, require them to rearrange the basketballs to determine the best answer.
- Facilitate this activity by walking around, asking questions, and assisting as needed.

Question(s):

- “[Student Name], how many times did you have to rearrange your basketballs to find out whether this number is the largest/smallest?”
- “[Student Name], how do you know this arrangement makes this the largest/smallest possible number?”
- “[Student Name], I noticed you wrote [number] in the hundred thousands place. What number did you not pick that could go there and make the number larger?”

South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Standards for Mathematics:

4.NSBT.2 Recognize math periods and number patterns within each period to read and write in standard form large numbers through 999,999,999.

Extensions:

- Model the activity with a think aloud if the activity is an introduction to a lesson.
- Require the students apply the algorithm, as well as, the place value to add the values.



