

## GRADE 5: Addition/Subtraction of Numbers With and Without Regrouping

The goal is for students to develop computational fluency, learning a variety of strategies to use to solve problems. Students will look at the numbers involved in the problem and will then decide on a method that best fits the situation. The following are some of the strategies for solving addition/subtraction problems in fifth grade. The majority of these strategies help students develop a strong sense of number and number relationships which are very important life skills.

### ADDITION

### SUBTRACTION

#### LANDMARK & FRIENDLY #'s:

$$3,996 + 4,246 =$$

- Move 4 from 4,246 to 3,996. The new problem is now a mental math problem:  $4,000 + 4,242 = 8,242$

#### LANDMARK & FRIENDLY #'s:

$$6,831 - 4,988 = (+12 \text{ to change } 4,988 \text{ to make } 5,000)$$

$$6,831 - 5,000 = 1,831$$

$$1,831 + 12 = 1,843 \text{ (Subtracted 12 too many, add back)}$$

#### COMPENSATION:

- Knowing since  $150 + 150 = 300$ ,  $148 + 152 = 300$ .  
(Compensating one number for a change on the other number.)

#### COUNTING ON (for small differences):

$$5,968 - 5,964 = 4$$

just difference between 8 and 4!

#### DECOMPOSE (break apart) & COMPOSE (put together):

$$\begin{array}{r} 15,500 \\ \pm 3,546 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 15,500 + 3,000 = 18,500 \\ 18,500 + 500 = 19,000 \\ 19,000 + 46 = 19,046 \end{array}$$

#### CONSTANT DIFFERENCE (add/remove same amount from each number):

- $5,641 - 3,339 = 5,642 - 3,340 = 2,302$  (+1 to each)

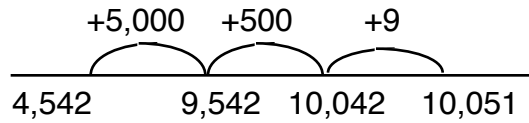
- $1650 - 1348 = 650$  (-1,000 each)

$$650 - 348 = 350 \text{ (-300 each)}$$

$$350 - 48 = 302 \text{ resulting in a much simpler problem}$$

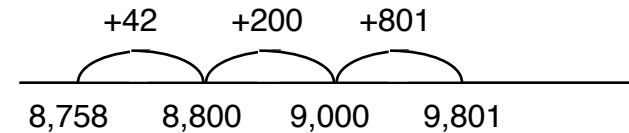
Open Number Line: Modeling "leaps" for adding/subtracting numbers by decomposition.

$$4,542 + 5,509 =$$



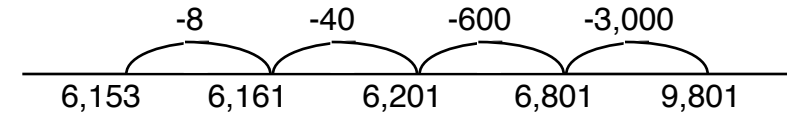
$$9,801 - 8,758 = 1,043$$

\* start at 8,758, count up for small differences



$$9,801 - 3,648 =$$

\*start at 9,801, count back for large differences



Various algorithms: Calculating sums and differences quickly & accurately.

Addition:

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \ 21 \\ 5,500 \\ 2,456 \\ 4,389 \\ + 9,871 \\ \hline 22,216 \end{array}$$

Traditional  
(Important for adding lists of numbers.)

$$\begin{array}{r} 6,001 \\ - 4,249 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2,000 - 200 &= 1800 \\ 1800 - 40 &= 1760 \\ 1760 - 8 &= 1,752 \end{aligned}$$

Negative & # Sense:

$$\begin{aligned} (6000 - 4000) &= 2000 \\ 0 - 200 &= -200 \\ 0 - 40 &= -40 \\ 1 - 9 &= -8 \\ \hline 1,752 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5 \ 9 \ 9 \ 11 \\ 6,001 \\ - 4,249 \\ \hline 1,752 \end{array}$$

Traditional  
("Borrow 1,000 from 6,000 leaving 5,000. Regroup that 1,000 as 10 100's. "Borrow" one 100 so left with 9 100's. Regroup that 100 as 10 10's. "Borrow" one 10 so left with 9 10's. Regroup that 10 and add to 1 so 11 ones. Subtract each place.)

Subtraction:

$$\begin{array}{r} 6,001 \\ - 4,249 \\ \hline 1,752 \end{array}$$

Landmarks (very strong # sense):

$$\begin{aligned} 4,249 + 751 &= 5,000 \\ 5,000 + 1,001 &= 6,001 \end{aligned}$$