The Use of Manipulatives as an Instructional Strategy to Help Students Who are Blind or Visually Impaired Understand and Learn Math Concepts (Early Childhood through Secondary)



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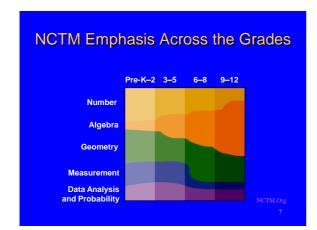
Agenda

- Definition of a Mathematical Manipulative
- National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) Standards Overview
- Basics on Teaching Math to a Student with a Visual Impairment
- Accessible Math Manipulatives Including Sample Test Items
- Manipulatives Appropriate for the Kansas Mathematics Assessment

Mathematical Manipulatives From Wikipedia http://en.wikipedia.org · A mathematical manipulative is an object which is designed so that a student can learn some mathematical concept by manipulating it. Multiple experiences with manipulatives provide children with the conceptual foundation to understand mathematics at a conceptual level and are recommended by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM). **NCTM Content Standards** Number and Operations Algebra Geometry Measurement Data Analysis and Probability

NCTM Standards

- Apply across all grades, prekindergarten through grade 12
- Emphasis will vary both within and between the grades
- Are richly interwoven



Teaching Basic Concepts to a Visually Impaired Child



First Principle:
Use Hands-On
Experience with
Concrete
Objects to Build
Strong Basic
Concepts

Math Concepts

How do visually impaired students develop math concepts and skills?

- through <u>experiences!!!</u>

Visually impaired student must experience relationships with <u>real objects</u> in order to prepare them for understanding the same relationships with numbers.

Math Concepts

For students who are blind, <u>direct teaching</u> of mathematics concepts is essential – it must NOT be left to incidental learning. (p. 374)

Verbal descriptions alone are inadequate to convey underlying visual concepts, especially those of advanced mathematics. (p. 378)

From Foundations of Education, Second Edition, Volume II: Instructional Strategies for Teaching Children and Youths with Visual Impairments. AFB. 2000.

Thoughts on Visual vs Tactual Perception

- Visual impairment is not an isolated condition; it affects the whole process of information-gathering.
- 2. Vision enables a person to simultaneously perceive all parts of an object in its totality and in its relationship to other objects.
- 3. The visually impaired learner has to rely on sequential observations (only part of an object can be seen or felt at a time) and the entire image has to be "built-up" out of the components. Relationships with other objects can be lost entirely.
- The level of cognition needed for integration of sequential information is higher than that needed for concept formation through immediate visual perception.
- 5. If you have vision, you can experience this way of processing information by looking at a drawing through a very small hole in a piece of card held over the drawing; I think that you will find that it's hard for you to "get the picture."

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Accessible Math Manipulatives Including Sample Test Items













Number and Operations

Toys Count

- · Problems w/ rote counting
- Importance of 1-to-1 correspondence

"Rote memorization of a set of numbers is meaningless." Kapperman, Project Math Access http://s22318.tsbvi.edu/mathproject



Braille Math Blocks from www.lindenwoodinc.com

Counting Objects



- · Real-world opportunities
- · Work-Play Trays from APH with various collections of objects
- Use a highly structured method of counting Counting books tactual ones, commercial or home-made





Numbers in the Real World

- Age and birthday
- · Phone numbers
- · Child's height, weight
- Address
- · Time
- Prices
- Elevator buttons
- · Much more



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Manipulatives to Enhance Number System Concepts





- Base-10 Sets
- Digi-Blocks www.digi-block.com/

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APH Tools to Enhance Number System Concepts

 Braille & LP "Numbers to 100" Charts www.aph.org







Hands-On Computation Tool



Math Window in Braille and Large Print www.mathwindow.com

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APH Tools to Help Increase **Basic Math Skills**

- Math Drill Cards
- Quick Pick: Math





- Math Flash
 - Fun self-voiced software program



Other Tools to Help Increase **Basic Math Skills**

- Twist & Shout Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, & Division www.leapfrog.com
- Tactual Dice **Independent Living Aids** www.independentliving.com





Identifying Money

- Coins: Tactual distinctions
- Bills: Folding System







Fractions

- Fraction Pies
- Fraction Tiles
- Fractions for Dessert









Student-Generated Graphics on a Number Line

APH Number Line Device





• Student-Made Number Lines

3rd Grade **Numbers and Operations**

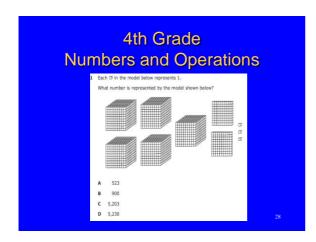


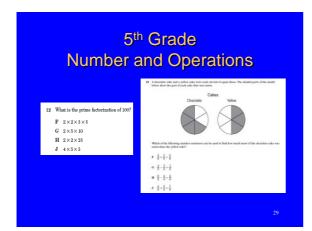


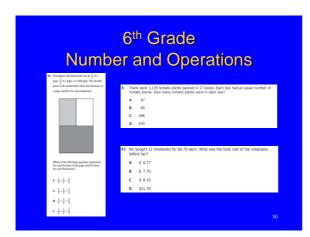


What is the value of the money Ben used to pay for the game? Mark your answer

- \$20.03 \$20.63
- \$20.78



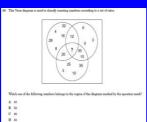




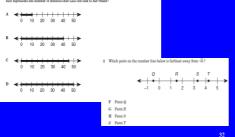
8th Grade **Number and Operations**

Marcos buys 15 folders that cost \$0.75 each and 6 pens that cost \$1.25 each. What is the total cost in dollars and cents of the folders and pens, not including tax?

Record your answer and fill in the bubbles on your answer document. Be sure to use the correct place value.

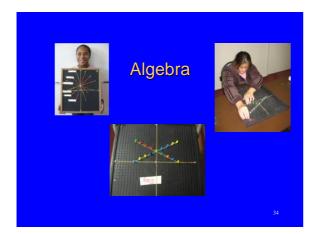


Exit Level Numbers and Operations



Publications

- Prime Factorization on the Abacus www.tsbvi.edu/math/ www.youtube.com/VideoTSBVI
- Osterhaus, S.A. (2003). Susan's Math Technology Corner: Standardized Braille
 Number Lines. Division on Visual Impairments
 Quarterly, 48(2), 9-11
 www.tsbvi.edu/math



Sorting and Ordering





- Applied use of terms of comparison
- Sort into categories
- Order by size

MathBuilders K-3, Unit 1: Matching, Sorting, and Patterning www.aph.org



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Math Window Algebra Add-On www.mathwindow.com

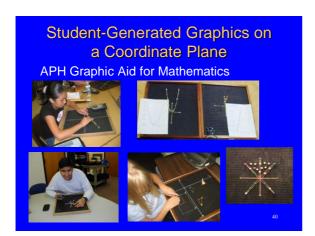


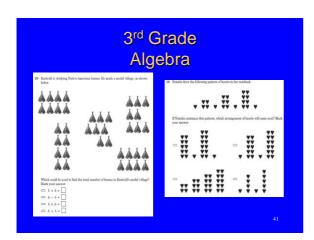
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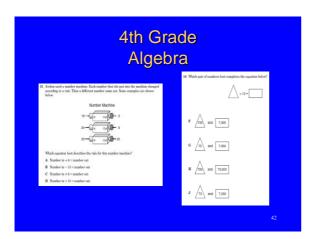
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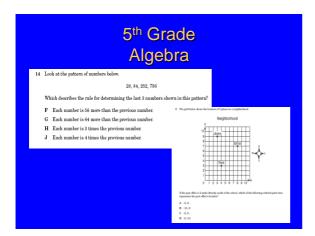


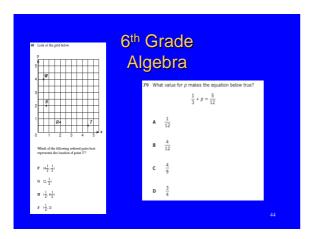


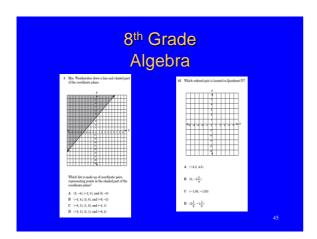




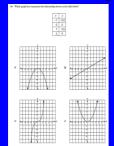


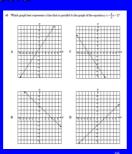






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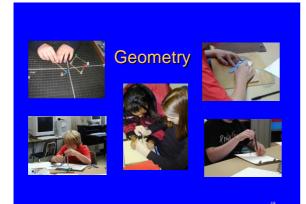




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www.youtube.com/VideoTSBVI



Crucial for the Blind and Visually Impaired Student

- <u>Spatial concepts</u> are critical for the development of academic skills, especially math skills.
 - ◆ <u>Position in Space</u> (top, bottom, around, beside, etc.)
 - The toy is under the table, in the sink, ...
 - Create an obstacle course and go under the slide, over the sidewalk, up the ladder, around the pole...

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Geometric Shapes

- Talking Ship Ahoy Sorter
- Count and Learn The Shapes (now called Creativity Street Wonderfoam Puzzles)
- Talking Shapes Peg Puzzle







More Geometric Shapes

 Geometric Shape Sorter <u>www.exceptionalteaching.com</u>



 Large 3D Geometric Models





www.delta-education.com

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MathBuilders, Unit 6: Geometry K-3 www.aph.org



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Hands-on System for Learning Three-Dimensional Geometry www.geometro.net

Geometro Sets Now Available from APH www.aph.org



GS16 Mini Kit: Catalog Number: 1-03022-00 includes 16 pieces: 8 triangles, 6 squares, and 2 pentagons.



GS22 Medium Set: Catalog Number: 1-03023-00 includes 22 pieces: 12 triangles, 6 squares, 2 pentagons, and 2 hexagons.

Geometro Sets Now Available from APH www.aph.org



GS56 Large Set includes 56 pieces: 24 triangles, 12 squares, 12 pentagons, and 8 hexagons.

GS56 Large Set: Catalog Number: 1-03024-00

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Omnifix Cubes www.didax.com





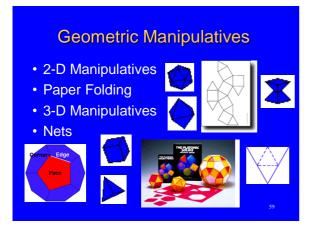




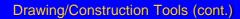
APH StackUps: Spatial Reasoning Using Cubes and Isometric Drawings











- Protractor
- Straightedge
- Tracing Wheel
- Stylus and/or PenDrawing Board

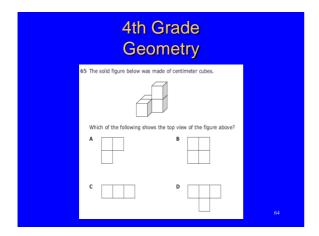


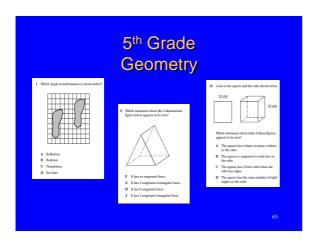


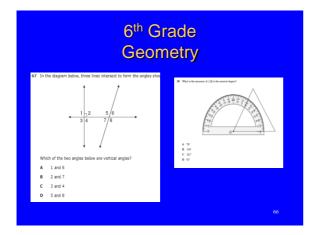
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Students at Work Drawing

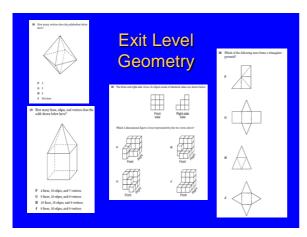
3rd Grade Geometry 20 Wesley's younger brother has the figures shown below. 23 Which best names the shape shown below? Mark your answer. **A n 0** Octagon Parallelogram — Pentagon — Hexagon







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Publications

- Geometric Constructions www.tsbvi.edu/math
- Transformations, Line Symmetry, and Tessellations

www.tsbvi.edu/math

• APH Braille/Print Protractor www.youtube.com/TSBVIVideo

Types of Measurement

- Linear & Angle Measurement
- Temperature
- Volume
- Weight
- Time







Comparison and Ordering



- Same -Different
- · Big Little
- · More Less
- Full Empty
- · Heavy Light

 Shape Sequence Block Board



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Linear and Angle Measurement

www.tsbvi.edu/math/mathtools.htm







- Yardstick and Meter Stick
- Toss-Away Rulers
- Protractor





Temperature



Tactile Demonstration Thermometer www.aph.org



SAVI Celsius Thermometer

www.lawrencehallofscience.org/cml/saviselph/equip.html

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Volume



- Measuring cups and spoons
- Tactual identification of gallons, quarts, liters, etc.





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Weight

- Standard "kitchen scale" with braille and tactile markings
- 10 pounds!!





SAVI Balance www.lawrencehallofscience.org/ cml/saviselph/equip.html

Measuring Time with APH Products



 Clock Face Sheets in braille www.aph.org/ Analog Clock Model
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Other Ways to Tell Time

Exceptional Teaching Inc.
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- Talking Clever Clock
- The Time Teacher





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Calendars

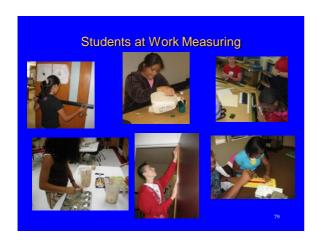
- APH Classroom Calendar
- American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults 1800 Johnson Street, Suite 100 Baltimore, MD 21230

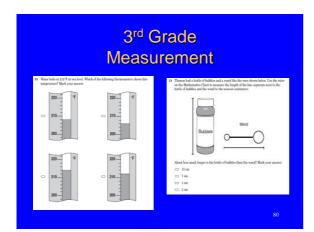
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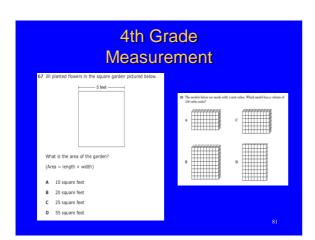
• Tactile Vision www.tactilevisioninc.com

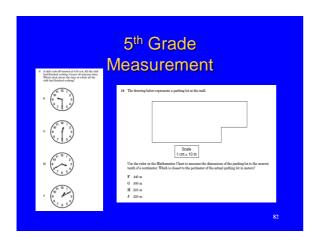


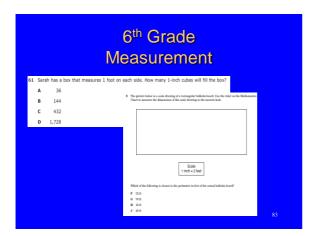


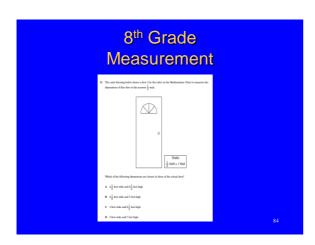












Exit Level Measurement **Publication** • Linear Measure, Perimeter, Area www.tsbvi.edu/math **Data Analysis and Probability**

Graphs & Predictions

Place stickers in columns on a piece of braille graph paper to make a chart of how many bananas were consumed during the week.

 How many bananas do we need to buy at the grocery store this week?

I like carrots.	I don't like carrots.
Mom	Dad
Amanda	Carlos
Kim	
Joe	

- Should we have carrots for dinner?
- · How many servings?

MathBuilders, Unit 8 Kit:
Data Collection, Graphing, and
Probability and Statistics K-3
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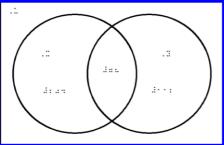


Student- or Teacher-Generated Braillewriter Pictograph

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Student- or Teacher-Generated Venn Diagram

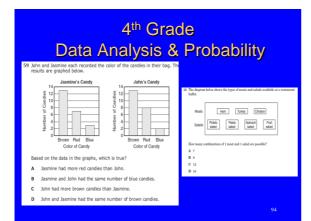


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3rd Grade Data Analysis & Probability







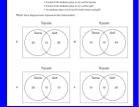
5th Grade Data Analysis & Probability

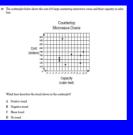
Time Spent on the Phone

Day	Enn's Minutes	Amanda's Minutes
Monday	8	15
Tuesday	10	0
Wednesday	30	45
Thursday	12	5
Friday	25	30
Saturday	30	20
Sunday	5	25

6th Grade Data Analysis & Probability

8th Grade Data Analysis & Probability





Exit Level Data Analysis & Probability



- A $\frac{10}{20} = \frac{\pi}{180}$

- $B = \frac{10}{30} = \frac{x}{180}$ $C = \frac{10}{20} = \frac{x}{360}$



Approved Manipulatives for the Kansas Math Assessment

2010 - 2011 Kansas Accommodations Manual http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2372

- Manipulatives that are routinely used in the classroom may be used by the student on the Kansus Assessments.
 The manipulative MIST be chosen by the student. The teacher may neither suggest a particular manipulative nor insist that a manipulative be used.
 If you have question about whether a particular manipulative is allowed, please e-mail Sid Cooley (mathematics) at scooley@kodcorg or David Barnes (science) at disarnes@kodcorg.
 Students are allowed to use graph paper, bank paper, and other materials.
 Textbooks, dictionaries, and other instructional/curricular materials are NOT to be used during testing. This includes classroom posters, teacher or student-generated journals, and other instructional materials that may have been used during the course of instruction and/or permitted during previous year's testing.
 Graphic organizers that are generated solely by the student on blank paper during the Calculators are not considered manipulatives. Calculators are not allowed on Part 3 of the mathematics assessment.
 Computation tables or fact tables are considered equivalent to a calculator and may be used on any test part that allows a calculator.

Examples of Manipulatives Appropriate for the Kansas **Math Assessment**

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- Base 10 blocks
 Chips, two-color counters, two-sided counters
 Clock or clock face
 Clock or clock face
 Color tiles (squares)
 Cubes: multilink, connecting, color, wooden, unilix, multilink cubes
 Cuisenaire rods
 Geoboards
 Geoboards
 Geometric solids
 Graph paper

- Hundreds chart
 Integer number line
 Money
 Number cubes
 Pattern blocks
 Rulers*, meter sticks*, protractors*,
 compass*
 Spinners
 Transparent mirror or mira

Other Math Resources

- Delta www.delta-education.com
- Didax www.didax.com
- ETA/Cuisenaire www.etacuisenaire.com
- Math Forum www.mathforum.org
- Online Math Tutorial Videos www.youtube.com/VideoTSBVI