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	 Standards for Mathematical Practice Describe mathematical "habits of mind" Standards for mathematical proficiency: reasoning, problem solving, modeling, decision making, and engagement Connect with content standards in each grade
 Numbers and Operations Ordering quantities from least to greatest or greatest to least. While money is used for counting, addition and subtraction, identification of coins and counting money is not emphasized. 	 Numbers and Operations Understanding number, not just rote counting. Counting beginning with any number, not just 1. Counting for a purpose, e.g., to answer "how many?" questions. Comparing numbers and quantities. Decomposing numbers more than one way Making a ten Fluently adding and subtracting to 5 Decomposing teen numbers into tens and ones
Measurement	 Measurement Measurement as direct comparison
Geometry • Symmetry	 Geometry Composing shapes to make larger shapes. Naming shapes regardless of orientation Comparing two- and three-dimensional shapes in different sizes and orientations

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Algebraic ConceptsNumber and geometric patterns in isolation.	Algebraic Concepts
 Data Analysis and Probability While graphs can be used as tools for counting, addition and subtraction, there is not an emphasis on gathering data and constructing graphs. Probability 	Data Analysis and Probability

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