## Lesson 8

Objective: Demonstrate the commutativity of multiplication and practice related facts by skip-counting objects in array models.
Related Topics: More Lesson Plans for the Common Core Math

## Suggested Lesson Structure

| $\square$ Fluency Practice | (6 minutes) |
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| Application Problem | $(10$ minutes) |
| Concept Development | $(34$ minutes) |
| Student Debrief | $(10$ minutes) |
| Total Time | $(60$ minutes) |



## Fluency Practice (6 minutes)

- Group Counting 3.OA. 1
- Commutative Multiplying 3.OA. 5
(3 minutes)
(3 minutes)


## Group Counting (3 minutes)

Note: Group counting reviews interpreting multiplication as repeated addition. Counting by twos, threes and fours in this activity supports work with units of 2 and 3 in this topic, and anticipates work using units of 4 in Topic E.

T: Let's count by twos to 20. Whisper then speak the numbers.
T: Let's count by twos to 20 again. This time, hum the first number and then speak. As you hum, think of the number.
T: Let's count by twos to 20. This time, instead of humming, think every other number.
T: What did we just count by?
S: Fours.
T: Let's count by fours. (Direct students to count forward and backward to 20, periodically changing directions.)
T: Let's count by threes. (Direct students to count forward and backward to 30, periodically changing directions. Emphasize the 9 to 12,18 to 21 , and 27 to 30 transitions.)

## Commutative Multiplying (3 minutes)

Materials: (S) Personal white boards
Note: Practicing this topic that was taught in Lesson 7 helps students build confidence and automaticity with this concept.

T: (Project a picture of a 3 by 2 array.) How many groups of 2 do you see?
S: 3 groups of 2.
T : Write two different multiplication sentences for the picture.
S: (Write $3 \times 2=6$ and $2 \times 3=6$.)
Continue with possible sequence 3 by 5 and 4 by 3 .
T: (Write $4 \times 2=2 \times$ $\qquad$ .) On your boards, fill in the blank.
S: (Students write $4 \times 2=2 \times 4$.)
Repeat process for $9 \times 5=5 \times$ $\qquad$ and $3 \times 6=6 \times$ $\qquad$ .


## Concept Development (34 minutes)

Materials: (S) Personal white boards

## Problem 1: Rotate arrays 90 degrees.

T: Turn your personal white board so it's vertical. Skipcount by threes 4 times and write each number.
S: $\quad 3,6,9,12$.
T: Draw an array to match your count. How many rows and columns does your array show? Why?
S: (Draw a $4 \times 3$ array. Discuss that there are 4 rows and 3 columns because there are 4 groups of 3 in the count.)

## NOTES ON MULTIPLE MEANS OF ENGAGEMENT:

If students are very comfortable with the way an array changes depending on how it's turned, add a bit of complexity by having them imagine turning it horizontal rather than actually doing it.

T: Turn your board so it's horizontal. How many rows and columns does it show now?
S: (Turn boards 90 degrees.) 3 rows and 4 columns.
T : What is the difference between the vertical and horizontal arrays?
S: In the first array the 4 threes were rows, and in the second they were columns. $\rightarrow$ Same with the 3 fours. First they were columns then rows, but they still show equal groups.
T : Did the total number of dots change?
S: No.
T: So the total and the factors stay the same, the factors just switch places. Yesterday we learned a special name for that. It's called...
$\mathrm{S}: \quad$ Commutative! $\rightarrow$ The commutative property!
T: Use the commutative property to write 2 multiplication sentences for the array.
S: (Write $4 \times 3=12$ and $3 \times 4=12$.)
T: To make the array, you skip-counted by threes 4 times. Look at your array horizontally. Tell your partner the directions for another count-by to make the horizontal array. Check your directions by writing out the count-by.
S: Skip-count by fours 3 times. (Write 4, 8, 12.)
Students practice with partners using the following examples. Partner A gives skip-counting directions. Partner B writes the count, draws the array, and writes multiplication sentences. Then roles switch.

- Skip-count by twos 3 times
- Skip-count by threes 6 times

Problem 2: Interpreting rows and columns in rotated arrays.
T: Work with your partner to draw an array that shows 5 rows and 3 columns.
S : (One possible process.) Let's draw 5 circles going down to show the start of each row. $\rightarrow$ Then we can draw 3 circles to show the columns across the top. $\rightarrow$ Wait, we already drew 1 column when we made the rows, so we can just draw 2 more columns.
T: Write a multiplication sentence to match your array. Don't solve it yet.
S: $\quad$ (Write $5 \times 3=$ $\qquad$ .)
T : I'm going to change the problem slightly. Listen carefully and rotate your array to match: 3 rows and 5 columns.
S: (Turn boards 90 degrees.)
T : Write the multiplication sentence for the new array. Don't solve it yet.

S: (Write $3 \times 5=$ $\qquad$ .)
T: Explain the difference between these problems to your partner.
S: The array turned and the factors switched places. $\rightarrow$ When the array turns the 3 represents the rows instead of the columns, and the 5 represents columns instead of rows.

## NOTES ON MULTIPLE MEANS OF ENGAGEMENT:

As students skip-count to solve, challenge those who need it by having them cover the array.

T: When we turn the array, columns become rows and rows become columns. We call that the commutative property.
T: Solve each of your multiplication sentences by skip-counting, and write each number as you say it.
S: (Write 3, 6, 9, 12, 15 and 5, 10, 15.)
Continue with the following possible examples:

- 7 rows and 2 columns
- 3 rows and 9 columns

T: (After students have worked through the problem, write the final example in groups language: 3 groups of 9 and 9 groups of 3.) Are these statements equal? Use your array to discuss with your partner how you know.

## Problem Set (10 minutes)

Students should do their personal best to complete the Problem Set within the allotted 10 minutes. For some classes, it may be appropriate to modify the assignment by specifying which problems they work on first. Some problems do not specify a method for solving. Students solve these problems using the RDW approach used for Application Problems.

## Student Debrief (10 minutes)

Lesson Objective: Demonstrate the commutativity of multiplication and practice related facts by skip-counting objects in array models.

The Student Debrief is intended to invite reflection and active processing of the total lesson experience.

Invite students to review their solutions for the Problem Set. They should check work by comparing answers with a partner before going over answers as a class. Look for misconceptions or misunderstandings that can be addressed in the Debrief. Guide students in a
 conversation to debrief the Problem Set and process the
lesson. You may choose to use any combination of the ideas below to lead the discussion.

- Discuss the usefulness of skip-counting to solve multiplication facts.
- Build fluency by having students skip-count to find the answer to the following facts without the help of an array. They can keep track of their count using fingers.

3 sixes, 6 threes
3 eights, 8 threes
5 threes, 3 fives

- Discuss the meaning of the commutative property and how it relates to equal groups, columns, rows and arrays.
- You may want to quickly give students practice drawing an array from a question similar to the apricot problem in the concept development.


## Exit Ticket (3 minutes)

After the Student Debrief, instruct students to complete the Exit Ticket. A review of their work will help you assess the students' understanding of the concepts that were presented in the lesson today and plan more effectively for future lessons. You may read the questions aloud to the students.

Name $\qquad$ Date $\qquad$

1. a. Count by threes 5 times.
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b. Draw an array that matches your count-by.
2. a. Count by fives 3 times.
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b. Draw an array that matches your count-by.
3. Write multiplication expressions below to represent your arrays in Problems 1 and 2. Use the commutative property to make the equation true.
$\qquad$ $\times$ $\qquad$ $=$ $\qquad$ $\times$ $\qquad$

## Problem 1

Problem 2
4. Count by the unit (the number in word form) the number of times indicated. Write the multiplication sentence that matches your count by. The first one is done for you.
a. 2 threes: $2 \times 3=6$
d. 4 threes: $\qquad$ g. 3 nines: $\qquad$
b. 3 twos: $\qquad$ e. 3 sevens: $\qquad$ h. 9 threes: $\qquad$
c. 3 fours: $\qquad$ f. 7 threes: $\qquad$ l. 10 threes: $\qquad$
5. Find the unknowns that make the number sentences true. Then draw a line to match facts that are related.
a. $3+3+3+3+3=$
d. $3 \times 8=$ $\qquad$
b. $3 \times 9=$ $\qquad$ e. $\qquad$ $=5 \times 3$
c. 7 threes +1 three $=$ $\qquad$ f. $27=9 \times$ $\qquad$
6. Isaac picks 3 tangerines from his tree every day for 7 days.
a. Use circles to draw an array that represents the tangerines Isaac picks.
b. How many tangerines does Isaac pick in 7 days? Write and solve a multiplication sentence.
c. Isaac decides to pick 3 tangerines every day for 3 more days. Draw ' $x$ 's to show the new tangerines on the array in part A.
d. Write and solve a multiplication sentence to find the total number of tangerines Isaac picks.
7. Sarah buys bottles of soap. Each bottle costs \$2.
a. How much money does Sarah spend if she buys 3 bottles of soap?
$\qquad$ $\times$ $\qquad$ = \$ $\qquad$
b. How much money does she spend if she buys 6 bottles of soap?
$\qquad$ $\times$ $\qquad$ = \$ $\qquad$

Name $\qquad$ Date $\qquad$

1. Mary Beth organizes stickers on a page in her sticker book. She arranges them in 3 rows and 4 columns. Draw an array to show Mary Beth's stickers.
a. Use your array to write a multiplication sentence to find Mary Beth's total number of stickers.
b. Label your array to show how you skip-count to solve your multiplication sentence.
c. Use what you know about the commutative property to write a different multiplication sentence for your array.

Name $\qquad$ Date $\qquad$

1. a. Count by threes 6 times.

b. Draw an array that matches your count-by.
2. a. Count by sixes 3 times.

b. Draw an array that matches your count-by.
3. Write multiplication expressions below to represent your arrays in Problems 1 and 2 . Use the commutative property to make the equation true.
$\qquad$ $\times$ $\qquad$ $=$ $\qquad$ $\times$ $\qquad$

## Problem 1

Problem 2
3. Count by the unit (the number in word form) the number of times indicated. Write the multiplication sentence that matches your count by. The first one is done for you.
a. 5 threes: $5 \times 3=15$
d. 3 sixes: $\qquad$ g. 8 threes: $\qquad$
b. 3 fives: $\qquad$ e. 7 threes: $\qquad$ h. 3 nines: $\qquad$
c. 6 threes: $\qquad$
f. 3 sevens: $\qquad$
l. 10 threes: $\qquad$
4. Find the unknowns that make the number sentences true. Then draw a line between related facts.
a. $3+3+3+3+3+3=$ $\qquad$
d. $3 \times 9=$ $\qquad$
b. $3 \times 5=$ $\qquad$
e. $\qquad$ $=6 \times 3$
c. 8 threes +1 three $=$ $\qquad$ f. $15=5 \times$ $\qquad$
5. Fernando puts 3 pictures on each page of his photo album. He puts pictures on 8 pages.
a. Use circles to draw an array that represents the total number of pictures in Fernando's photo album.
b. Use your array to write and solve a multiplication sentence to find Fernando's total number of pictures.
c. Fernando adds 2 more pages to his book. He puts 3 pictures on each new page. Draw x 's to show the new pictures on the array in Part A.
d. Write and solve a multiplication sentence to find the new total number of pictures in Fernando's album.
6. Ivania recycles. She gets 3 cents for every can she recycles.
a. How much money does Ivania make if she recycles 4 cans?
$\qquad$ $\times$ $\qquad$ $=$ $\qquad$ cents
b. How much money does she make if she recycles 7 cans?
$\qquad$ $\times$ $\qquad$ $=$ $\qquad$ cents

