

**FIFTH GRADE MATHEMATICS**  
**UNIT 7 STANDARDS**

Dear Parents,

As we shift to Common Core Standards, we want to make sure that you have an understanding of the mathematics your child will be learning this year. Below you will find the standards we will be learning in Unit Seven. Each standard is in bold print and underlined and below it is an explanation with student examples. Your child is not learning math the way we did when we were in school, so hopefully this will assist you when you help your child at home. Please let your teacher know if you have any questions ☺

**CCGPS.5.MD.1 Convert among different-sized standard measurement units within a given measurement system (e.g., convert 5 cm to 0.05 m), and use these conversions in solving multi-step, real world problems.**

This standard calls for students to convert measurements within the same system of measurement in the context of multi-step, real-world problems. Both customary and standard measurement systems are included; students worked with both metric and customary units of length in second grade. In third grade, students work with metric units of mass and liquid volume. In fourth grade, students work with both systems and begin conversions within systems in length, mass and volume.

Students should explore how the base-ten system supports conversions within the metric system.

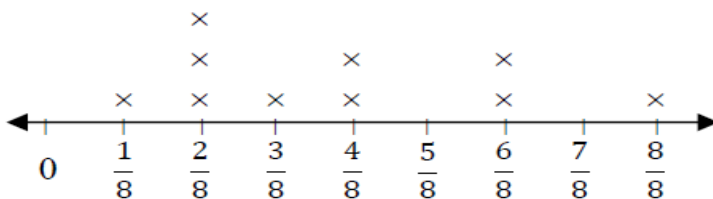
Example: 100 cm = 1 meter.

**CCGPS.5. MD.2 Make a line plot to display a data set of measurements in fractions of a unit ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{8}$ ). Use operations on fractions for this grade to solve problems involving information presented in line plots. For example, given different measurements of liquid in identical beakers, find the amount of liquid each beaker would contain if the total amount in all the beakers were**

This standard provides a context for students to work with fractions by measuring objects to one-eighth of a unit. This includes length, mass, and liquid volume. Students are making a line plot of this data and then adding and subtracting fractions based on data in the line plot.

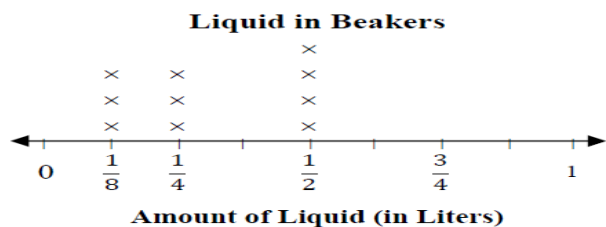
Example:

Students measured objects in their desk to the nearest  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ , or  $\frac{1}{8}$  of an inch then displayed data collected on a line plot. How many objects measured  $\frac{1}{4}$ ?  $\frac{1}{2}$ ? If you put all the objects together end to end what would be the total length of **all** the objects?



Example:

Ten beakers, measured in liters, are filled with a liquid.



The line plot above shows the amount of liquid in liters in 10 beakers. If the liquid is redistributed equally, how much liquid would each beaker have? (This amount is the mean.)

Students apply their understanding of operations with fractions. They use either addition and/or multiplication to determine the total number of liters in the beakers. Then the sum of the liters is shared evenly among the ten beakers.

**CCGPS.5.MD.3 Recognize volume as an attribute of solid figures and understand concepts of volume measurement.**

- a. A cube with side length 1 unit, called a “unit cube,” is said to have “one cubic unit” of volume, and can be used to measure volume.
- b. A solid figure which can be packed without gaps or overlaps using  $n$  unit cubes is said to have a volume of  $n$  cubic units.

**CCGPS.5.MD.4 Measure volumes by counting unit cubes, using cubic cm, cubic in, cubic ft, and improvised units.**

**CCGPS.5.MD.5 Relate volume to the operations of multiplication and addition and solve real world and mathematical problems involving volume.**

- a. Find the volume of a right rectangular prism with whole- number side lengths by packing it with unit cubes, and show that the volume is the same as would be found by multiplying the edge lengths, equivalently by multiplying the height by the area of the base. Represent threefold whole-number products as volumes, e.g., to represent the associative property of multiplication.
- b. Apply the formulas  $V = l \times w \times h$  and  $V = b \times h$  for rectangular prisms to find volumes of right rectangular prisms with whole-number edge lengths in the context of solving real world and mathematical problems.
- c. Recognize volume as additive. Find volumes of solid figures composed of two non-overlapping right rectangular prisms by adding the volumes of the non-overlapping parts, applying this technique to solve real world problems

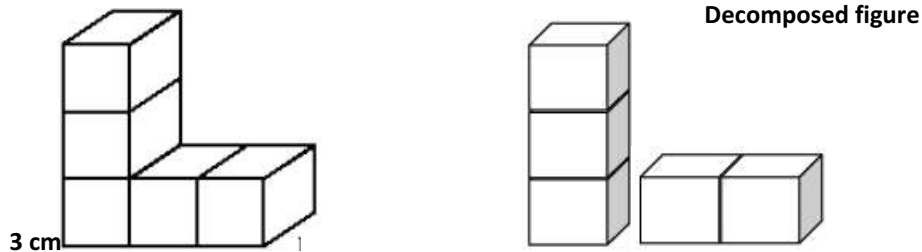
**CCGPS.5.MD.5a and CCGPS.5.MD.5b:**

These standards involve finding the volume of right rectangular prisms. (See diagram below.) Students should have experiences to describe and reason about why the formula is true. Specifically, that they are covering the bottom of a right rectangular prism (length  $\times$  width) with multiple layers (height). Therefore, the formula (length  $\times$  width  $\times$  height) is an extension of the formula for the area of a rectangle.

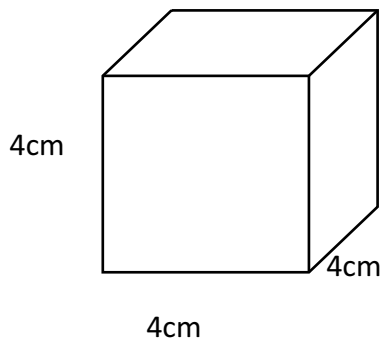
**CCGPS.5.MD.5c:**

This standard calls for students to extend their work with the area of composite figures into the context of volume. Students should be given concrete experiences of breaking apart (decomposing) 3-dimensional figures into right rectangular prisms in order to find the volume of the entire 3-dimensional figure.

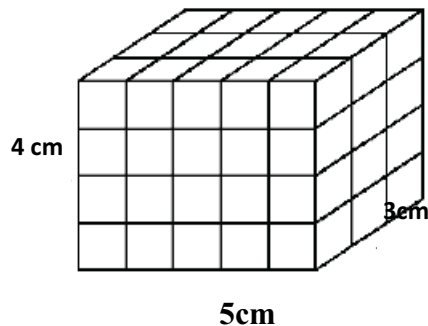
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Students need multiple opportunities to measure volume by filling rectangular prisms with cubes and looking at the relationship between the total volume and the area of the base. They derive the volume formula (volume equals the area of the base times the height) and explore how this idea would apply to other prisms. Students use the associative property of multiplication and decomposition of numbers using factors to investigate rectangular prisms with a given number of cubic units.

Example:

When given 24 cubes, students make as many rectangular prisms as possible with a volume of 24 cubic units. Students build the prisms and record possible dimensions.

Length	Width	Height
1	2	12
2	2	6
4	2	3
8	3	1

Example:

Students determine the volume of concrete needed to build the steps in the diagram at the right.

