Fourth Grade Math Vocabulary

Units 5 & 8 - No Vocabulary Introduced

Unit 1		
composite number	A whole number with more than 1 factor pair.	
factor pair of a whole number	A pair of whole numbers that multiply to result in that number. For example, 5 and 4 are a factor pair of 20.	
multiple of a number	The result of multiplying that number by a whole number. For example, 18 is a multiple of 3, because it is a result of multiplying 3 by 6.	
prime number	A whole number that is greater than 1 and has exactly one factor pair: the number itself and 1.	

Unit 2	
common denominator	The same denominator in two or more fractions. For instance, 14 and 54 have a common denominator.
denominator	The bottom part of a fraction that tells how many equal parts the whole was partitioned into.
equivalent fractions	Fractions that have the same size and describe the same point on the number line. For example, 12 and 24 are equivalent fractions.
numerator	The top part of a fraction that tells how many of the equal parts are being described.

Unit 3	
mixed number	A number expressed as a whole number and a fraction less than 1.

Unit 4	
rounding	A formal way to say which number a given number is closer to. For example, for 182, the number 180 is the closest multiple of ten and 200 is the closest multiple of a hundred. We can round 182 to 180 (if rounding to the nearest ten) or 200 (if rounding to the nearest hundred).

Unit 6	
dividend	The number being divided. For example, when 37 is divided by 5, we call 37 the dividend.
remainder	The number left over when we take away as many equal groups as we can from a number.
Unit 7	
acute angle	An angle that measures less than 90 degrees.
angle	A figure made up of two rays that share the same endpoint.
intersecting lines	Lines that cross.
line	A set of points that are arranged in a straight way and extend infinitely in opposite directions.
obtuse angle	An angle that measures greater than 90 degrees.
parallel lines	Lines that never intersect.

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perpendicular lines	Lines that intersect creating right angles.
point	A location along a line or in space.
ray	A line that ends at one point and goes on in the other direction.
right angle	An angle with a measurement of 90 degrees.
segment or line segment	A part of a line with two endpoints.
straight angle	An angle that measures 180 degrees.
vertex	The point where the two rays meet.

Unit 8	
lline of symmetry	A line that divides a figure into two halves that match up exactly when the figure is folded along the line.
right triangle	A triangle with a 90 degree angle.
symmetry	A figure has symmetry if its parts can match up exactly when the figure is folded or rotated.