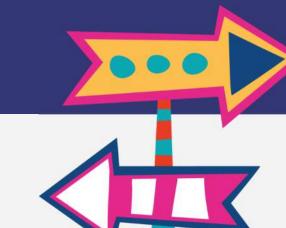
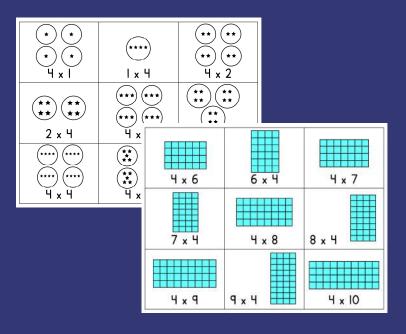
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4s Facts Scaffolding Flashcards



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Rationale:

Flashcard use is an important part of basic fact practice. Practice should be done at the concrete, semi-concrete/pictorial, and abstract levels (in that order). This process is referred to as CSA or CPA.

Concrete—A student uses fact cards (with the numbers and symbols), BUT he/she physically models a strategy using manipulatives/tools.

Semi-concrete/Pictorial—A student uses scaffolding flashcards—those with a basic fact and visual representation of a strategy.

Abstract—A student uses fact cards with the numbers and symbols only. The goal is not to drill BUT to know products from memory.

At whatever flashcard level my students are practicing, I always expect them to talk to each other about what strategy they are using or use self-talk when working alone.

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- The following multiplication fact cards are used to scaffold students from concrete representation of facts (using manipulatives) to abstract understanding (using a strategy and/or saying the answer when given a fact without using manipulatives or pictures). These cards provide pictorial representation of various strategies that are an important "stepping stone".
- When working as partners, students should always explain their thinking/reasoning to one another aloud.
- Simply write the sums in pencil on the back of each card. All cards can also be printed in grayscale.

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