Lesson 11

Objective: Model decompositions of 3 with materials, drawings, and expressions. Represent the decomposition as 1 + 2 and 2 + 1.

Suggested Lesson Structure

- Fluency Practice (15 minutes)
- Concept Development (20 minutes)
- Application Problem (5 minutes)
- Student Debrief (10 minutes)
- Total Time (50 minutes)

Fluency Practice (15 minutes)

- Making 3 with Triangles and Beans K.CC.4a (6 minutes)
- Making Three-Finger Combinations K.CC.4a (4 minutes)
- Hide and See (3 as the Total) K.OA.2 (5 minutes)

Making 3 with Triangles and Beans (6 minutes)

Materials: (S) 3 beans, paper or foam triangle

T: Touch and count the corners of the triangle.
S: 1, 2, 3.
T: Touch and count your beans.
S: 1, 2, 3.
T: Our job is to make 3. Put 2 of your beans on the corners of the triangle. Keep the other one in your hand. How many beans on your triangle?
S: 2.
T: How many beans in your hand?
S: 1.
T: We can tell how to make 3 like this: 2 and 1 make 3. Echo me, please.
S: 2 and 1 make 3.
T: Show me 1 bean on your triangle. Keep the rest in your hand. How many beans on your triangle?
S: 1.
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Making Three-Finger Combinations (4 minutes)

T: I’ll show you some fingers. I want to make 3. Show me what I need to make 3. (Show 2 fingers.)
S: (Show 1 finger.)
T: Raise your hand when you can say the number sentence. Start with my number.
S: 2 and 1 make 3.

Hide and See (3 as the Total) (5 minutes)

Materials: (S) 3 linking cubes

T: Touch and count your cubes.
S: 1, 2, 3.
T: Hide 2 behind your back. How many can you see?
S: 1.
T: Put them back together. How many cubes do you have?
S: 3.
T: Hide 1 behind your back. How many can you see?
S: 2.
T: Put them back together. How many cubes do you have?
S: 3.

Variation: As students put the cubes together, they can say the number sentence.

Application Problem (5 minutes)

Read the problem to the students. Have students use red and blue to draw their crayons.

Oh, no! Someone threw 4 crayons on the floor. Draw the crayons. Compare your crayons to your friend’s. How many of your crayons are the same color as your friend’s?

Note: In this Application Problem, students continue to practice counting objects in a group and seeing different hidden partners in 4 as they look at their crayons and their friends’ crayons.
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Concept Development (20 minutes)

Materials: (T/S) 5 counting bears or linking cubes per pair, 1 sheet of blue paper, 1 sheet of green paper, ½ sheet of paper, 5-group cards to 5 (Lesson 7 Template 2)

Call students to the carpet, and sit in a circle. Scatter the counting bears in the center.

T: There are 3 bears.

T: Two bears are in the field (move two bears to the green paper), and 1 bear is in the water (move one bear to the blue paper). How many bears are there?

S: 3 bears.

T: How many bears are in the field?

S: 2 bears.

T: How many bears are in the water?

S: 1 bear.

T: Take 3 bears out of your bag, and tell our number story to your partner. When you are finished, let your partner tell you the story of the 3 bears.

Once the students have been able to verbalize the story, let them make up other number stories with 4 or 5 bears in the field and in the water.

Give students half of a piece of paper. Have them get their 5-group cards and go back to their seats.

T: I’m going to tell you a number story. Draw it on your paper.

T: There are 3 flowers. Two flowers are red, and 1 flower is yellow.

S: (Draw.)

T: Find the number card that matches the number of red flowers. What card did you pull out?

S: 2.

T: Find the card that matches the number of yellow flowers. What number did you pull out?

S: 1.

T: Find the card that matches the number of flowers on your paper. What number did you pull out?

S: 3.

T: We can show the 3 flowers with our numbers like this (write 2 + 1).

T: We read it like this, 2 plus 1. Say it with me.

S: 2 plus 1.

NOTES ON MULTIPLE MEANS OF REPRESENTATION:

Young children often have dexterity issues. Sometimes the bears are hard for students to hold in their hands. Try using the linking cubes for children who encounter this difficulty. Match the colors of the linking cubes to the bears.

Challenge students who are performing above grade level by extending the task with questions such as, “What would happen if another bear began to eat an apple? How many bears would be eating now?”
T: What does the 2 tell us about in the story?
S: The red flowers.
T: What does the 1 tell us about?
S: The yellow flowers.
T: What does 2 + 1 tell us about?
S: All the flowers. → The 3 flowers. → The 2 red and 1 yellow flower.

Tell another number story for the students to draw, this time with bears. For example, there were 5 bears. Four bears were brown, and 1 bear was black. Match the story with the corresponding cards and expression, 4 + 1. Have students explain the numbers’ referents in the story.

**Problem Set (5 minutes)**

Students should do their personal best to complete the Problem Set within the allotted time.

Give the directions one step at a time. First, have the students count the cubes. Then, draw a line between the white and gray cubes. Finally, draw the cubes above the numbers.

**Student Debrief (10 minutes)**

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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.

Any combination of the questions below may be used to lead the discussion.

- Have students bring their Problem Sets to the carpet and create **number stories** using the combinations in the Problem Set.
- Have linking cubes or counting bears to model and represent various problems.
- How is finding hidden partners in 3 bears the same as showing 3 on your fingers the Math Way and another way?
- How did we show our number stories today? (With blocks, drawings, and numbers.)
Exit Ticket (3 minutes)

After the Student Debrief, instruct students to complete the Exit Ticket. A review of their work will help with assessing students’ understanding of the concepts that were presented in today’s lesson and planning more effectively for future lessons. The questions may be read aloud to the students.
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These squares represent cubes. Count the squares. Draw a line to break the stick between the gray squares and the white squares. Draw the squares above the numbers.

$$2 + 1$$

$$3 + 1$$

$$4 + 1$$

$$1 + 2$$

$$1 + 3$$

$$1 + 4$$
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There are 2 green blocks and 1 yellow block. Draw the blocks.

There are 2 + 1 blocks. Count the blocks.
Feed the puppies! Here are 3 bones. Draw lines to connect each bone with a puppy so that one puppy gets 2 bones, and the other puppy gets 1 bone.

Color the shapes to show 1 + 4. Use your 2 favorite colors.

How many shapes are there? Circle the number. 1 2 3 4 5