Connecting Cube Math

Grades K - 3



Purpose of this activity:

To use the cubes to solve the equations. Using concrete objects to complete addition and subtraction equations helps to see the numbers as objects rather than abstract things and it allows for more accurate solutions.

What you'll need:

Pencil (or white board marker if using laminated surface), connecting cubes, and problem page.

How to play:

- Put the problem page on the table in front of you with the connecting cubes next to the page for easy access. Look at the first equation and find out if it is addition or subtraction.
- 2. For addition: Look at the first number and take out that many cubes and put them on the table. Look at the second number and take that many cubes and put them on the table in a separate group. Push all the cubes together into one big group and then begin counting while moving one cube for each number you count (1, move one cube, 2, move another cube, etc). Continue counting until all the cubes have been counted.
- 3. Write the answer to the problem once you have finished counting all the cubes.

*For Subtraction:

Look at the first number and take out that number of cubes. Look at the second number in the equation and begin taking away that number of cubes. Make sure you count out loud so you only take away the number shown in the equation. (for example: 7-2= remove one cube from the group and say, "1", take another and say "2." Once you have taken away the correct number of cubes, count the remaining cubes and write down that down as your answer.

Addition Equation Page

Subtraction Equation Page