EAST ISLIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Story of Units Parent Handbook

Grade 5 Module 3

5 tenths + 7 tenths = 12 tenths = 1 and 2 tenths 5 eighths + 7 eighths = 12 eighths = 1 and 4 eighths

In Topic B, students move forward to see that fraction addition and subtraction is analogous to whole number addition and subtraction. Students add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators (5.NF.1) by replacing different fractional units with an equivalent fraction or like unit.

1 fourth + 2 thirds = 3 twelfths + 8 twelfths = 11 twelfths

1/4 + 2/3 = 3/12 + 8/12 = 11/12

This is not a new concept but certainly a new level of complexity. Students h

- f Fraction (e.g., 3 fifths or 3/5)
- f Between (e.g., 1/2 is between 1/3 and 3/5)
- *f* Fraction written in the largest possible unit (e.g., $3/6 = 1 \times 3 / 2 \times 3 = 1/2$ or 1 three out of 2 threes = $\frac{1}{2}$)
- f Equivalent fraction (e.g., 3/5 = 6/10)
- f Tenth (1/10 or 0.1)
- f Hundredth (1/100 or 0.01)
- f Fraction greater than or equal to 1 (e.g., 7/3, 3 1/2, an abbreviation for 3 + 1/2)

Suggested Tools and Representations

- f Paper strips (for modeling equivalence)
- f Number line (a variety of templates)
- f Rectangular fraction model
- f Fraction strips
- f Bar diagrams