

# Grade 4 Math Unit 3-Operations and Algebraic Thinking

## UNIT OVERVIEW

This unit will go beyond the 3 Critical Focus Areas for 4th grade and address Analyzing Patterns.

This unit will address the cluster work in Generate and analyze patterns. \* (See Connections for explanation)

Students will generate a number or shape pattern that follows a given rule. Students will identify apparent features of the pattern that were not initially apparent.

## STANDARDS

CC\_Common Core State Standards - Mathematics (2010) - Grade 4

Domain 4.OA Operations and Algebraic Thinking

**Cluster Statement:** *Use the four operations with whole numbers to solve problems*

**Standard 4.OA.3** Solve multistep word problems posed with whole numbers and having whole-number answers using the four operations, including problems in which remainders must be interpreted. Represent these problems using equations with a letter standing for the unknown quantity. Assess the reasonableness of answers using mental computation and estimation strategies including rounding.

**Cluster Statement:** *Generate and analyze patterns.*

**Standard 4.OA.5** Generate a number or shape pattern that follows a given rule. Identify apparent features of the pattern that were not explicit in the rule itself.

## CONTENT ELABORATIONS

4.OA.3 Work on this standard continues from previous units.

**4.OA.5** Patterns involving numbers or symbols either repeat or grow. Students need multiple opportunities creating and extending number and shape patterns. Numerical patterns allow students to reinforce facts and develop fluency with operations.

Patterns are rules repeated. A pattern is a sequence that repeats the same process over and over. A rule dictates what that process will look like. Students investigate different patterns to find rules, identify features in the patterns and justify the reason for those features. After students have identified rules and features of a pattern, they need to generate a numerical or shape pattern from a given rule.

A t-chart is a tool to help students see number patterns.

**MP.2, MP.4, MP.5, MP.6, MP.7, MP.8** should be emphasized.

## UNIT VOCABULARY

pattern  
nonnumeric patterns  
numeric patterns

rule  
term  
sequence

input  
output

## BIG IDEAS

### ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS

### ESSENTIALS QUESTIONS

Choose a few questions based on the needs of your students

- How are patterns used in mathematics?

There are geometric and number patterns.

## CONNECTIONS

The work in this cluster is related to *Solve problems involving the four operations, and identify and explain patterns in arithmetic* .(3.OA.9)

### Standards for Mathematical Practice (SMP)

**MP.1** Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them

**MP.2** Reason abstractly and quantitatively

**MP.3** Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others

**MP.4** Model with mathematics

**MP.5** Use appropriate tools strategically

**MP.6** Attend to precision

**MP.7** Look for and make use of structure (Deductive reasoning)

**MP.8** Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning (Inductive Reasoning)

## Generate and analyze patterns

	CONTENT	SKILLS
4.OA.5	Identify a number or shape pattern	Identify a number or shape pattern 1. Identify a pattern 2. Find the rule 3. Identify features that are not explicit in the rule 4. Justify the reason for the rule
4.OA.5	Generate a number or shape pattern from a rule	Generate a number or shape pattern from a rule 1. Use a t-chart to generate number patterns

## UNIT RESOURCES

Common Core Model Curriculum  
 McGraw-Hill, **My Math** Chapter 7  
 manipulatives  
 graph paper  
 Discovery Video  
 Logic for Space Age Kids - Literature reading