5th Grade Math

Module 6: Problem Solving with the Coordinate Plane

Math Parent Letter

This document is created to give parents and students an understanding of the math concepts found in Eureka Math (© 2013 Common Core, Inc.) that is also posted as the Engage New York material which is taught in the classroom. Grade 5 Module 6 of Eureka Math (Engage New York) covers Problem Solving with the Coordinate Plane. This newsletter will discuss Module 6, Topic D. In this topic students will use the coordinate plane to show locations, movement, and distance on maps. Line graphs are also used to explore patterns in the coordinate plane and make predictions based on those patterns.

Topic D: Problem Solving in the Coordinate Plane

Words to Know:
- coordinate plane
- perpendicular
- origin
- line of symmetry
- coordinate pair or ordered pair

Things to Remember!

Coordinate Plane – The plane determined by a horizontal number line, called the x-axis, and vertical number line, called the y-axis, intersecting at a point called the origin. Each point in the coordinate plane can be specified by an ordered pair or coordinate pair of numbers.

Coordinate Pair or Ordered Pair – two numbers that are used to identify a point on a plane; written \((x, y)\) where \(x\) represents a distance from 0 on the x-axis and \(y\) represents a distance from 0 on the y-axis

Origin – the point at which the x-axis and y-axis intersect, labeled \((0,0)\) on the coordinate plane

Line of Symmetry – A line of symmetry divides a figure into 2 congruent parts. A figure could have a vertical, horizontal, and/or diagonal line of symmetry.

OBJECTIONS OF TOPIC D
- Draw symmetric figures on the coordinate plane.
- Plot data on line graphs and analyze trends.
- Use coordinate systems to solve real world problems.

Focus Area—Topic D

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Draw Symmetric Figures on the Coordinate Plane

Step 1: Record the ordered pair for each point on the grid.

Step 2: Construct a line of symmetry, \(\ell\), whose rule is \(x\) is always 5. Then plot points symmetric to the Points A to D.

Since A and B are 4 units from the line of symmetry, then the points symmetric to A and B would be 4 units to the right of the line of symmetry. (F and G) Points C and D are 2 units from the line of symmetry so the points symmetric to C and D would be 2 units to the right of the line of symmetry. (I and H)

Step 3: Connect the points to create symmetrical figures across the vertical line of symmetry.
Use Coordinate Plane to Solve Word Problems
The line graph below tracks the rain accumulation, measured every half hour, during a rainstorm that began at 2:00 p.m. and ended at 7:00 p.m. Use the information in the graph to answer the questions that follow.

1. How many inches of rain fell during this five-hour period?
   
   2 1/4 inches fell during the five-hour period.

2. During which half-hour period did 1/2 inch rain fall? Explain how you know.
   
   From 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. a 1/2 inch of rain fell. As the line moves up, each grid line increases by a 1/4 inch. It takes 2 one-fourths to equal 1/2 inch.

3. During which half-hour period did rain fall most rapidly? Explain how you know.
   
   Rain fall most rapidly from 4:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. because the line is very steep.

4. Why do you think the line is horizontal between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.?
   
   The line is horizontal between 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. since no rain fall.

5. For every inch of rain that fell here, a nearby community in the mountains received a foot and a half of snow. How many inches of snow fell in the mountain community from 5:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.?
   
   From 5:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. a total of 1 1/4 inch of rain fell. A foot is the same as 12 inches and a half of foot is 6 inches. So a foot and a half of snow is equivalent to 18 inches. The community got 1/2 of the 18 inches which is 9 inches or 3/4 of a foot.