**4th Grade Math**

*Module 1: Place Value of Multi-Digit Whole Numbers*

**Math Parent Letter**

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**Focus Area Topic B: Comparing Multi-Digit Whole Numbers**

**Words to Know:**

- **Digit** - a numeral between 0 and 9
- **Place value** - the numerical value that a digit has by virtue of its position in a number
- **Comparing numbers** – determining which number is greater than the other and using symbols to express the comparison
  - symbol for greater than $>$
  - symbol for less than $<$
  - symbol for equal to $=$

**Using Place Value Charts to Compare Numbers**

Students will use the place value chart to compare the value of each digit to decide which number is of greater value. In the following example we use the place value chart to compare 23,502 and 13,420. We represent each amount on the place value chart. We can tell that 23,502 is larger because it has more ten thousands.

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We compare using the greater than symbol.

$23,502 \quad \text{>} \quad 13,420$

**OBJECTIVES OF TOPIC B**

- Compare numbers based on meanings of the digits, using $>$, $<$, or $=$ to record the comparison.
- Find 1, 10, and 100 thousand more or less than a given number.
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Finding More or Less with the Place Value Chart
Students will use number discs to increase or decrease a number by 1, 10, 100, 1,000; 10,000; or 100,000.
In the following example, a student is asked to find 100,000 more than three hundred twenty thousand, four hundred sixteen.
First, the student represents 320,416 by drawing number disks on the place value chart.

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<td>20,000</td>
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<td>400</td>
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Then the student adds a disk representing 1 hundred thousand on the place value chart.

Now, the student will count the disks in each place on the chart to find the answer. 420,416

Finding 1 thousand less than 536,253 can be done using the place value chart as well. First represent 536,253 with disks on the place value chart then cross out a 1,000 disk.

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Now we have 535,253.

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Regrouping with Place Value Charts
In this example, the student is asked to find 10 thousand more than 791,345.
First, this student represented 791,345 on the place value chart using dots.

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Then, the student added 1 ten thousand. In doing so, it made 10 dots in the ten thousands place. So the student grouped those 10 together to and exchanged them for 1 hundred thousand dot. The dots in the circle became a new dot in the hundred thousand column.

10 thousand more than 791,345 is 801,345.

Place Value Charts and Patterns
Students will need to be able to complete and explain patterns using the place value chart.

Example Problem and Answer
Fill in the empty boxes to complete the pattern and explain how you found your answer.

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<th>234,120</th>
<th>254,120</th>
<th>284,120</th>
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The missing number are 244,120; 264,120; 274,120

The numbers increase by 10,00 each time.