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Lesson Plan Template
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Reflection (What went well? What did the students learn? How do you know? What changes would you make?):
The first time I taught this Math lesson, it was a failure. I wanted to incorporate Social Studies into Math by
having students complete a worksheet where Math problems decoded words in the paragraph about the
American Revolution. The worksheet contained problems where students were supposed to add, subtract, multiply, and divide fractions. Since Mrs. Naslund doesn't teach the Math curriculum, we were unsure whether students had covered this content in class yet. So, I was prepared to teach students how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide fractions.

The first time I taught the lesson, the students were very overwhelmed with the concept of adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions. I was going to have students work on worksheets with different problems. But right after I handed out the worksheets, I knew I was going to have to completely change my lesson. Instead, I decided we were going to go over the worksheet together as a class. So, I had the students turn over the worksheet and just focus on assisting me with completing the worksheet. I think I didn't have the correct wording for helping the students understand the fraction concept which contributed to the student's confusion. For this lesson, I had too many worksheets and not enough content. I didn't let students in on the secret as Mr. Conlon would say.

The second time I taught the lesson I had students watch a Khan Academy video where the instructor explained adding and subtracting fractions. The man in the video demonstrating how to add and subtract fractions covered all the basics that I missed during the previous lesson. I believe the video gave the students a better understanding of how to add and subtract fractions. During the introduction of my first lesson, I had students share major events of the Revolutionary War to lead into the Math problems relating to the American Revolution. However, the Khan Academy video was so helpful in guiding the students in the right direction of adding and subtracting fractions.

After watching the Khan Academy video with the second group, I had the three fraction problems listed on the whiteboard, and we worked together to complete the problems. The students had a better understanding of the steps I was taking when answering the problems. I also went through the rest of the problems on the worksheets because the students had questions on how to complete the problems. Looking back at the lesson, I should have gone to the Cathedral Math teacher and learned what the fifth graders were working on in class. The worksheet I developed the lesson on was created for fifth and sixth graders, but the fifth-grade class will probably not get to the content I went over until closer to the end of the school year.

The one activity both fifth-grade classes really enjoyed was creating words from fractions of words. The students said the activity was fun, and they found it easier to complete. The words related to key terms in the Revolutionary War and had the students work on adding fractions. Looking back, I think I could have used this worksheet alone to address the concept of adding fractions.

To end the lesson the second time I taught it, I had students answer one problem where they had to subtract fractions because I wanted to grasp whether students gained anything from the lesson. I was pleased when some of the students successfully answered the problem I wrote on the board. Some of the students even stated they understood the concept, and it was easy. Though some students still didn't understand the concept, and if I could, I would like to work with them in a small group to clear their misunderstandings on adding and subtracting fractions.

