

# Party Time

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## Big Ideas

- The role of remainders in division situations

### Standards of Learning for Grades 3-4-5

- 3.6 The student will represent division, using area, set and number line models
- 4.4c The student will divide whole numbers, finding quotients with and without remainders.
- 5.4 The student will create and solve single-step and multistep practical problems involving division with and without remainders of whole numbers.

### Standards of Learning for Grades 6-7-8

## Process Goals

- Problem Solving and Reasoning – Students will apply understanding of division to solve the problem and use logical reasoning to determine what to do with the remainder in each case.
- Connections and Representations – Students will recognize and use the connections between multiplication and division to solve the problems. They will use a variety of representations as they solve and communicate their thinking.
- Communication – Students will justify their findings and present their results to the class with precise mathematical language.

### **Related Task – Fun at the Fair**

Mrs. Hoffmann brings her 6 children to the fair. She buys a big box of 45 mini-donuts for the children to share equally. How many mini-donuts will each child get?

The children are ready to go on the fair rides! Mrs. Hoffmann buys a bag of 45 ride tokens for the children to share equally. If each ride costs one token, how many rides can each child enjoy?

### **Related Task – Bundles of Books**

Nate's grandma bought him 4 new books to read. She spent \$38, and each book cost the same amount of money. Nate wants to return one of the books to the store. How much money will he get back?

Nate is a fast reader! He can read 4 books in one hour. If he has 38 books to read, how many hours will it take him to read them all?

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### Materials

- The tasks copied front to back
- Paper
- Scissors
- Unifix cubes or other manipulatives
- Large presentation paper
- Markers

### Facilitating Task

- This task can be completed individually or in small groups of 3-4 students.
- Read the task together and answer clarifying questions.
- Make materials available to the students/groups.

*If students work in groups:*

- Give students individual think time before coming together.
- Each group will record the group's thinking and solution on the large presentation paper. They will present their findings to the class.

*If students work individually:*

- After solving, pair students to discuss and share strategies for 5-10 minutes.
- Select between 4 and 6 students with unique solution strategies to share with the class.
- Allow 15-20 minutes for sharing and connections.
- Begin with the most concrete strategy and move to the most abstract strategy. Ask questions to highlight connections between strategies.
- Wrap up the lesson with a discussion of these questions: How are these problems the same? How are they different? As a class, record observations about the role of remainders in division.

**Misconceptions**

- Remainder can be left out in first task.
- A table can be cut in half.
- Balloons can be divided.
- The two problems have the same answer because 60 divided by 8 equals 7R4.

**Suggested Prompts or Questions**

- What can Andrew do with the leftover people?
- What can Andrew do with the leftover balloons?
- How are these problems the same?
- How are they different?

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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