

Notes on Using Digi-Block with Everyday Math

## Connection

In Section 1 (Teaching the Lesson), students make arrays to model partial products. Students can use Digi Blocks and array platforms to partition the product into partial products.

Materials for pairs of students

- single blocks
- array platform
- $\quad 3^{\prime \prime} \times 5^{\prime \prime}$ index card, cut in half lengthwise
- Partial Products activity sheet (next page)


## Lesson

- Teachers should make a transparency of the Array Platform recording sheet found in the Appendix. Ask a volunteer to build the problem $6 \times 13$ with blocks on the array platform, as 6 rows of 13 . The numbered axes make it easy to see the number of rows and the number of columns.
- Ask for a volunteer to take a card and cut through the array to show a smaller part that is easy for him/her to compute mentally. Ask the student to describe the partial product (e.g. $10 \times 6=60$ ). Ask the student to describe the remaining partial product (e.g. $3 \times 6=18$ ). Ask: If we add those two parts together, will we have the answer to $6 \times 13$ ? (yes) Draw the array and a line to show where the product was partitioned.
- Ask: Why does it make sense
 to look for multiples of 10: 10, 20, 30, etc.? (We can do the multiplication mentally thinking about the shift.)
- While pairs of partners are working on the Partial Products activity sheet, circulate and ask some students to discuss the partial products they chose and how they know they have the complete answer, or product.


## Partial Products

Build the arrays on the array platform with your partner.
Partition (split) the array with the index card.
Write the partial products and fill in the blanks.

## Example

$4 \times 16$
partial product: $\underline{4} \times \underline{10}=\underline{40}$
partial product: $\underline{4} \times \underline{6}=\underline{24}$
$40+24=64$
$4 \times 16=64$
2. $8 \times 18$
partial product:

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partial product: $\qquad$ $\times$ $\qquad$
$\qquad$
—— $+$ $\qquad$
$8 \times 18=$ $\qquad$
4. $9 \times 12$
partial product: $\qquad$
partial product: $\quad{ }_{\sim} \times \ldots=$
—_ $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$9 \times 12=$ $\qquad$
6. $4 \times 21$
partial product: $\qquad$
partial product: $\qquad$ $\times$ $\qquad$ $=$ $\qquad$
—— $+\ldots=$
$4 \times 21=$ $\qquad$

1. $5 \times 22$
partial product:

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partial product: $\qquad$ $\times$ $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$ـ_{5 \times 2}^{+}=$

$5 \times 22=$ $\qquad$
2. $3 \times 24$
partial product: $\quad \ldots \times \ldots$
partial product: $\quad \ldots \times \ldots$
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$3 \times 24=$ $\qquad$
3. $7 \times 15$
partial product: $\qquad$
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partial product:___ $\times \ldots$
$ـ_{\square}^{+}+\ldots$
$7 \times 15=$ $\qquad$
4. $5 \times 19$
partial product: $\qquad$
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partial product: $\ldots \ldots$
$\square_{5 \times 1}^{+}=$
$5 \times 19=$
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