# THE IMPORTANCE OF MATH FLUENCY

## **MULTIPLICATION**

Numbers are Flexible

Numbers can be broken apart in many different ways. In 4 x 6, you can break the six apart several ways to think differently about the problem. You could think of 6 as 3 and 3, so you multiply 4 x 3 + 4 x 3. You could also think of 6 as 5 and 1, so you multiply 4 x 5 + 4 x 1.



## FLUENCY WITH MULTIPLICATION



There are patterns and relationships that exist in multiplication facts. By studying patterns and relationships, students build a foundation for fluency with multiplication and division.

### THE PROGRESSION OF MULTIPLICATION

This <u>video</u> illustrates the progression of multiplication from 2nd grade to the end of 5th grade.



### RESOURCES

<u>Fluency Without Fear</u>, Stanford University

<u>Math Flips</u>, flashcards with visual models