# CCSS-Aligned Mathematical Task 

## School Main Hallway Flooring Project-Grade 4 <br> By Joseph Espinosa, Douglas Zamora

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## Rationale for Lesson

Develop students' proficiency with multi-step word problems using whole numbers and the four operations with an emphasis on multi-digit multiplication and division. Solidify students' understanding of the distributive property, open arrays, and an equation with a symbol for the unknown as strategies to model their multiplication and division calculations for multi-digit numbers.

## Common Core State Standards for Content

4.OA.3 Solve multistep word problems posed with whole numbers and having whole-number answers using the four operations, including problems in which remainders must be interpreted. Represent these problems using equations with a letter standing for the unknown quantity. Assess the reasonableness of answers using mental computation and estimation strategies including rounding.
4.NBT. 5 Multiply a whole number of up to four digits by a one-digit whole number, and multiply two two-digit numbers, using strategies based on place value and the properties of operations. Illustrate and explain the calculation by using equations, rectangular arrays, and/or area models.
4.NBT.6 Find whole-number quotients and remainders with up to four-digit dividends and one-digit divisors, using strategies based on place value, the properties of operations, and/or the relationship between multiplication and division. Illustrate and explain the calculation by using equations, rectangular arrays, and/or area models.

## Common Core State Standards for Mathematical

## Practice

MP 1-Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
MP 2-Reason abstractly and quantitatively
MP 3-Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.
MP 4-Model with mathematics
MP 5-Use tools appropriately and strategically
MP 6-Attend to precision

## DOK Level: 3

Strategic Thinking

## Enduring Understandings

- Each multiplicative expression developed in the context of a problem situation has an accompanying explanation, and different representations and ways of reasoning about a situation can lead to different expressions or equations (NCTM, 2011).
- Division is defined by its inverse relationship with multiplication (NCTM, 2011).
- The ability to use the distributive property of multiplication over addition ensures flexibility in computations with whole numbers and provides justifications for sequences in computation with them (NCTM, 2011).
- The distributive property is connected to the area model, the partial products method of multiplication, and the partial quotients method of division.


## Materials Needed

- Reproducible Task for Students
- Colored Square Tiles
- Graph Paper
- Pencils, Colored Pencils


## Set-Up Phase

Teacher: Read the task to yourself. What does the school main hallway floor need and why? What does a building contractor do? What is a proposal?

Note to teacher: Include visuals/pictures of the tiles, grout, tile spacers or realia of these items with labels. Possibly include visuals/pictures of a contractor tiling a floor with these materials or a video from the internet.

Teacher: Now turn and talk with a partner about the two proposals from each building contractor. What do you know? What do you need to find out?

Teacher: You will have ten minutes of productive struggle time to work independently on solving the problem. Then you may work with your partner and table group.

## Explore Phase

| Possible Student <br> Strategies | Focusing <br> Questions | Assessing <br> Questions | Advancing <br> Questions |
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| Can't get started | What do you <br> know? What do <br> you need to find? <br> What do you know <br> about the area of <br> the hallway? |  | How did you use <br> multiplication to <br> solve for the area <br> of the school main <br> hallway? |
| Uses the partial <br> products method <br> to solve for the <br> area of the school <br> main hallway | How is the partial <br> products method <br> of multiplication an <br> example of the <br> distributive <br> property? What |  |  |

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| of tiles needed |  |  | unknown? |
| Uses an area model for multiplication with or without partial products to solve for the labor costs |  | What do the side lengths represent in the problem? What does the area represent in the problem? | What might be the equation with a symbol for the unknown that you can use to solve for the labor costs for each proposal? |
| Uses a multiplication equation to solve for the labor costs |  | What do the numbers represent in your equation? | How might you use a symbol for the unknown in your equation? How might you use the distributive property to solve for the costs? How might you use an open array to connect to an equation? |
| Can't get started in finding the total costs | What do we need to find to figure out which proposal the principal can afford? How can you use the answers in Part 1 and Part 2 to help you? |  |  |
| Finds the sum of the materials and labor costs |  | How did you determine how much each proposal cost? | Which proposal should the principal choose? How do know? |

## Share, Discuss, and Analyze Phase

Student work is carefully selected for display for furthering a discussion of the mathematical goals of the lesson. The work may be projected, on posters, posted anonymously, or shared personally.

- How did the student go about solving the problem? What visual model represented the thinking?
- Why did they choose an area model? How did that represent the problem?
- What do the numbers in the equation represent in the problem situation?
- What equation, with a symbol for the unknown, is used to represent the problem?
- How does the equation match the model?
- What might be another equation to represent the problem?
- How did the partial product method help in finding the area of the school main hallway?
- If you used the area model and/or the partial products method of multiplication how do they connect to the distributive property? How does using the distributive property make it easier to find the area?
- How could we use the distributive property to solve Part 2, which asks for the labor costs of each proposal? What is the equation? What is the area model, which represents the use of the distributive property in each proposal?
- How might the area model help us to divide the area of the floor by the number of tiles per case? What equation models the division calculations?
- Why did you choose to divide to solve for the number of cases of tiles? How does division represent the problem? What does the dividend represent in the problem? The divisor? The quotient? Is this measurement division or partitive division?
- How does the partial quotient method help find the number of cases of tiles needed? What equation matches the division calculations?
- If you used the area model and/or the partial quotients method of division how do they connect to the distributive property? How does using the distributive property make it easier to find the number of cases of tiles you need based on the area?
- Is there another way to break up the quotient or dimension of the area model using the distributive property? What is an equation that matches the area model?
- Is it possible to distribute the divisor? Why or why not?


## Application

What parts of the problem might you change for the other proposal to be the best deal?

## Summary

The distributive property can be used with the area model in multiplication and division, and with the partial products method to solve multi-digit multiplication, and with the partial quotients method to solve multi-digit division problems.

## Quick-Write

Journal prompt:
What strategies did you use to solve multi-digit multiplication and division problems? What models did you use to show your calculations? How were these models the same? How were they different?

## Support for English Language Learners

1. Encourage students to continually reference the problems when thinking through the problem and explaining their thinking.
2. Students are asked to write out reference relationships within the problem.
3. Provide a communication guide for math discourse moves needed in problem solving, explaining one's work, and justifying one's thinking, including analyzing a problem and preparing to solve it, using multiple approaches and representations, explaining and supporting reasoning, and connecting to, building on, and challenging other students' ideas.
4. Collaboration allows students to work through ideas and practice discussions first, before moving to a whole group discussion.
5. The teacher marks verbally and in writing key ideas from the lesson as they are revealed through the Share, Discuss, and Analyze phase.

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Proposal A:
144 tiles / 9 tiles per case = 16 cases 144 tiles/6 tiles per case = 24 cases
(16 cases x $10) + $5 + $13 = $178 (24 cases x $12)+$5 +$13=$306
    Proposal B:
M = number of cases x cost per case + spacers + grout
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| $\$ 428$ | $\$ 350$ | The principalcanafford


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$B$ because the to ale amount of money given is $\$ 350$ and the is $\$ 428$. The school will have $\$ 250$ left.

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