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## NOTE TO PARENTS

Although this book has been specifically designed to be used by classroom teachers for teaching multiplication facts, the materials are extremely helpful when used by parents and children at home.

If you have purchased this book to use at home with your child, I recommend that all of the fill-in-the-blank pages be inserted into vinyl page protectors and worked with a dry-erase overhead transparency marker. The page protectors can be washed and the page can be reused. Put all the page protectors and worksheets into a vinyl, twopocket binder. The pen, flash cards and other materials can be kept in the binder pockets, thus creating a handy, portable math kit.

I think you will find that these methods work extremely well both at home and in the classroom. It's a book you can count on!


DEDICATION
To my husband, Joe, who has always supported me through my many and varied projects.
To my children who always motivate me.


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## LESSON PLAN 1

OBJECTIVE: Understanding the Concept of Multiplication. Students will understand the basic concept of multiplication by use of concrete examples. It is necessary for them to grasp how we find the answers to the multiplication facts before beginning to memorize them.

MATERIALS: Rectangular Array for 4s (page I3), pocket folders, parents' note (page I2)

INTRODUCTION: Tell students that multiplication is the shortcut to adding the same number several times. Show them one example in
 the room, such as floor tiles or perhaps rows and columns of windowpanes. Counting the number of desks in one row and multiplying by the number of rows would be another example.
Bring an example from home if necessary. An egg carton demonstrates $2 \times 6$. A checkerboard demonstrates $8 \times 8$.


> remember how many are in the class, but the teacher did say that there are seven rows with four in each row. Tell students to use the Rectangular Array to find the correct answer. If necessary, explain that for $4 \times 1$, they should count the boxes in the first row, for $4 \times 2$, they count the boxes in the first two rows and so on.

Tell students to fill in all the correct answers in the right-hand column of blanks.

Explain that when the two numbers being multiplied are reversed, the answer is still the same.

RECTANGULAR ARRAY FOR 4S


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## WORKSHEET FOR 3s, 4S AND 5s



Count by 4s: $4,8,12$,
Count by $5 \mathrm{~s}: 5,10,15$,
$\qquad$ , _-_, , -_-, , _-_' , ___' __-' $\qquad$ , -_
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## WEB WORK

Directions: Multiply the number in the center of the web by each number around it. Put each answer in the outer section of the web.


CHALLENGE: Can you make up a shortcut rule for multiplying a number by 1,000 ?

