

**Didactical Document**  
**Theme-Based Trail about Rational Numbers (Grades 3-4)**

Trail Code: **695110**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Main concepts</b>	<b>Students learn</b>	<b>Data to collect</b>	<b>Objects</b>	<b>MCM References</b>
Part-whole  <i>Green Panel</i>	3	-Fraction as part-whole -Connections with reflection symmetry	- Use fractions to indicate the relationship between a given number of parts and the total number of parts into which a whole is divided.	- Number of elements in a set - Number of elements that meet a requirement	Letters in a phrase	0425374
Part-whole  <i>Red Tiles</i>	3	-Fraction as part-whole -Equivalent fractions	- Use fractions to indicate the relationship between a given number of parts and the total number of parts into which a whole is divided. - Simplify fractions.	- Number of elements in a set - Number of elements that meet a requirement	Tiles	0225385
Part-whole  <i>Library plaque</i>	4	-Fraction as part-whole - Fraction and decimal representations - Equivalent fractions	- Use fractions to indicate the relationship between a given number of parts and the total number of parts into which a whole is divided. - Simplify fractions. - Decimal fractions and decimal representation.	- Number of elements in a set - Number of elements that meet a requirement	Letters in a plaque	1725376
Measure  <i>The ramp</i>	3	- Fraction as measure	-Fix a line segment as a unit and identify a unit fraction $1/b$ as a number equal to the measurement of the length of each line segment resulting from the	- Measurement of a line segment	Ramp	0525383

			decomposition of the unit into $b$ line segments of equal length.			
Measure  <i>Position of the goalkeeper</i>	4	- Fraction as measure -Equivalent fractions - Sum/Difference of fractions	-Fix a line segment as a unit and identify a unit fraction $1/b$ as a number equal to the measurement of the length of each line segment resulting from the decomposition of the unit into $b$ line segments of equal length. - Recognize that multiplying the numerator and denominator of a given fraction by the same natural number we get an equivalent fraction. - Recognize that the sum and difference of fractions with equal denominators can be obtained by adding and subtracting the numerators.	- Measurement of a line segment	Football field	7925373
Operator  <i>Climbing the stairs</i>	4	- Fraction as operator	- Identify that the product of $q$ by $c/d$ is equivalent to the quotient of the product of $q$ by $c$ by $d$ .	- Number of elements	Stairs	4925386
Operator  <i>Parking spaces</i>	4	-Fraction as operator	- Identify that the product of $q$ by $c/d$ is equivalent to the quotient of the product of $q$ by $c$ by $d$ ; Identify that the product of $q$ by $c/d$ is equal to the product of $c/d$ by $q$ .	- Number of elements in a set - Number of elements that meet a requirement	Parking spaces	4525382
Operator  <i>Flowerpot</i>	4	- Fraction as operator	- Identify that the product of $q$ by $c/d$ is equivalent to the quotient of the product of $q$ by $c$ by $d$ ; Identify that the product of $q$ by $c/d$ is equal to the product of $c/d$ by $q$ .	- Measurement of the edge of a cube	Cubic flowerpot	0725372

Operator	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fraction as operator</li> <li>- Sum/Difference of fractions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recognize that multiplying the numerator and denominator of a given fraction by the same natural number we get an equivalent fraction.</li> <li>- Recognize that the sum and difference of fractions with equal denominators can be obtained by adding and subtracting the numerators.</li> <li>- Identify that the product of <math>q</math> by <math>c/d</math> is equivalent to the quotient of the product of <math>q</math> by <math>c</math> by <math>d</math>; Identify that the product of <math>q</math> by <math>c/d</math> is equal to the product of <math>c/d</math> by <math>q</math>.</li> </ul>	- Number of elements	Chairs	6825371
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**Notes:**

The teacher should propose a trail with 7-8 tasks containing diversified concepts (fraction as part-whole, measure, operator; fraction and decimal representations; continuous and discrete contexts). It is also important to present tasks with different cognitive levels (low; high) to motivate/challenge students.