Addition & Subtraction

Writing Equations with Counting Boards

Level 1:
1. Choose a set of counting boards.
2. Get a container of counters.
3. Get eight addition and subtraction cards.
4. Get eight 2”x6” strips of paper.
5. Put counters on each board according to the card.
6. Write equations on each strip.
7. Staple your strips together to make a booklet.

Level 2:
• Students do not use addition and subtraction cards but make up their own story problems for each board.
• Limit the numbers used to no more than 10 counters.

Things You Need:
• Counters (sorted by color)
• Addition and Subtraction cards (BLM 364-73)
• Counting boards (8 of the same board per child)-BLM #2-6)
• 2”x6” strips of paper (8 per child)
• Level 2: same but without Addition and Subtraction cards

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This activity can be done over and over again. Children will remain interested because each time they work with the boards they can choose different settings.

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