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Session Title: Introduction to Formative Assessment Lessons (FALs)

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Workshop Description:

A Formative Assessment Lesson (FAL) (also known as a Classroom Challenge) is a complete lesson that supports formative assessment. The FAL's help teachers assess and improve students' understanding of mathematical concepts and skills and their ability to use the "mathematical practices" described in the Common Core State Standards. This approach first allows students to demonstrate their prior understandings and abilities in employing the mathematical practices, and then involves students in resolving their own difficulties and misconceptions through structured discussion. This results in more secure long term learning, reducing the need for re-teaching.

Objectives: Teachers will familiarize themselves with Formative Assessment Lessons (FAL) by-

- Examining a sample lesson - Laws of Arithmetic
- Identifying the components of the lesson
- Discussing how to implement and deliver the different components in their classrooms

Resources: