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The Twelve Days of Mathematics Day 1: A Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me a partridge in a pear tree.

The number one is the number that beginning mathematics use to build the set of counting numbers, the Natural numbers. Young mathematicians need practice making one more and making one less. Discovering the digit patterns on a Hundred Chart helps students develop their fluency with counting. For example, a number that is one more than a number that has a 3 in the units place will always have a 4 in the units place. And a number that is one less than a number that has a 3 in the units place will always have a 2 in the units place. Students can practice this with a partially completed numbers charts. A few sample charts have been supplied.

The number one is also the multiplicative identity. Any number multiplied by 1 is itself. This is an important concept that young mathematicians working with multiplication need to understand. Why is anything multiplied by one equal to itself? Have students create arrays modeling multiplication by 1 and the answer should be evident! Monitor to be sure that students are creating 1 by number arrays as well as number by 1 arrays. One is used as both the multiplier as well as the factor.

Check <u>Tammy's blog</u> every day to download all twelve days of Christmas mathematics activities.

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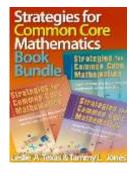
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Due out Spring 2016, Strategic Journeys for Building Logical Reasoning will be the follow up books series for Tammy L. Jones and her co-author, Leslie A. Texas. Check our website for updates.

