

### **Manipulatives: Teacher Reflections**

- When students understand that manipulatives are tools not toys, they are more likely to treat them as such.
- Free exploration gives students the chance to handle the manipulatives before the structured activity begins.
- Developing ground rules for using manipulatives helps with management.
- All students can benefit from manipulatives.
- Because manipulatives are engaging, students remember the activities and can apply their knowledge to the FCAT.