## Lesson Study

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## Research--Misconceptions

- Confusion of coin values (dime and nickel)
- Difficulty with adding across the next dollar
- Addition errors
- Misinterpretation/misunderstanding of problem situation
- Misinterpretation/misunderstanding of question
- Difficulty recording the amount in each piggy bank each days
- Difficulty keeping track of the days
- Not knowing when to stop filling out the chart (i.e. how many days needed to answer the question)
- Recording the amounts on the first day as the original amounts without the addition of the allowance
- Confusion with the day the piggy banks have equal amounts and the day Alex first has more than Celia
- Adding $5 ¢$ as .5 instead of .05
- Adding $5 \$$ to Alex's piggy bank and $10 ¢$ to Celia's instead of the reverse


## Initial Piggy Bank Lesson

Will Alex ever have more?


## Goals

- To provide a context through which students can use a variety of strategies to solve a problem
- Students will identify, represent, and extend a pattern and explain their problem-solving approach and solution.


## Tools to Solve the Problem

- Make a table
- Use coins
- Complete a calendar
- Identify a pattern and solve with number sentence

| Day |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |
|  | Alex's Piggy <br> bank | Celia's Piggy <br> Bank |
| Sept. 1 <br> (Day 1) |  |  |
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## Synthesizing Student Work

- During the warm up the students played a game where they were given money amounts on a card in coins and they had to find their match in numbers. Most of the students were successful.
- Jamie explained the problem.
- Math tools were placed at their tables.



## Synthesizing Continued...

- Some were a little confused as to how to solve the problem
- Jamie's scaffolding helped the students to solve problem in multiple ways:
Charts of their own, some used the provided materials Others drew pictures

- Students had an opportunity to share out how they solved the problem and what math tools they used.


## Enhancing the Lesson



- Some students may have had too many tools to choose from.
- Could use an actual calendar or a specific date attached to the question - just days and the number of days it would take for ' $x$ ' to occur.
- Make predictions first about ' $x$ ' occurring on a certain day - instead of telling them that ' $x$ ' occurred on a certain day.
- Include the extension questions ahead of time to challenge those 'early' finishers.

