

## HALF

A fractions lesson

**Episode 204:** Blossom and Snappy Go to the Farm, Part Two  
**1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

### Georgia Performance Standard

- M1N4c Identify, label, and relate fractions (halves, fourths) as equal parts of a whole using pictures and models

### Objectives

- The students will divide a whole object into equal parts.
- The students will label halves of a whole with " $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

### Materials

- TV/VCR or Computer/LCD Projector
- Video *Count On It!* 204
- Kit Kat Bars (enough for class)
- Pencils
- Crayons
- Fraction worksheet (included)

### Procedure

#### *Opening*

- Tell the students today we will explore the fraction  $\frac{1}{2}$ .
- Show the students *Count On It!* 204 clip "Fractions of Pie" (VHS 21:25 – 25:00).
- Discuss the video segment and how it represented fractions.

#### *Work time*

- Tell the students that we are going to divide a candy bar in half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ).
- Give each student a junior Kit Kat bar.
- Tell the students to open their Kit Kat and observe it while it is a whole bar.
- Ask the students to break their Kit Kat in half.
- Ask the students how many pieces of Kit Kat they each have now? (2)
- Point out that there was one piece of candy, but when they split it into two pieces the same size, they had two halves.
- Write the fraction  $\frac{1}{2}$  on the board telling the students this is a fraction and this is how you write a fraction numerically.
- Write the words one-half and half on the board and tell the students these words represent the fraction  $\frac{1}{2}$ .
- Write the word whole on the board.
- Explain to the students that a fraction is part of a whole, and that  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  together make one whole.

### *Closing*

- Pass out fraction activity sheet.
- Students are to divide each shape in half then color.
- Have several students share their work.

### **Assessment**

- Teacher observation/documentation on student rubric used by your school/county during work time and closing (sample rubric can be found on our website) of students breaking Kit Kats in half
- Fraction worksheet (included)