Mathematics, Grade 8 Unit IV: Lesson 2

Puzzle / Report: Magic Square Puzzle #2



Review the pattern for creating a magic square:

33 42 5	51 4 13 22 31 48 55 32 39 46 8	16	
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50 10	12 21 30 32 54 36 38 45 47 4 9 2	2	
49 9 11 20 29 38 40 35 37 44 51 53			
8 17 19 28 37 39 48 41 43 50 52 34			
16 18 27 36 45 47 7 42 49 56 33 40			
			13 6 11
24	26 35 44 46 6 15		8 10 12
		MAGIC	9 14 7
25	34 43 52 5 14 23	SQUARES	

Design a 9 x 9 or larger magic square. Use positive and negative integers and zero. Investigate the result if you add, subtract, multiply or divide each number in the magic square by a fraction. Is the result another magic square?

Display your puzzles in the classroom. Summarize the results of your investigation in a brief report to include with the display.

Extension: Try creating an odd-sized magic square that has a different pattern.

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