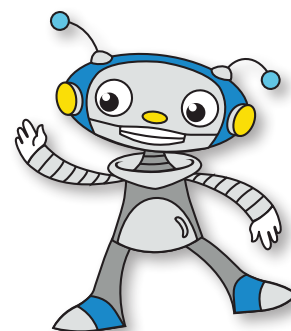


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When you order a grade package, you get a set of 5 coil-bound books and a plastic case with 6 tiles.

I love this set for a few reasons.

1. It allows the kids to do math both manipulatively and visually.
2. The kids can see exactly what they get right or get wrong and can correct themselves.
3. It's a different way to reinforce math ideas and concepts, instead of just reviewing through worksheet problems.
4. It's fun.
5. It can be used over and over – allowing me to reuse it with my younger kids when they reach that grade level, or again and again throughout the year as review of skills.

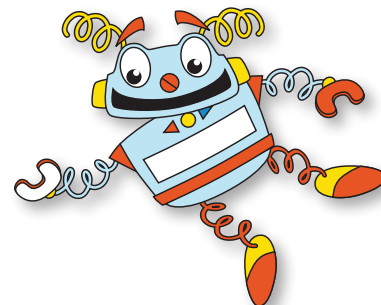
These kits are a great way to reinforce ideas and learning by making math fun and tangible. These are a perfect addition to other workbooks or lesson plans you have in place. And – good news! Completely reusable!

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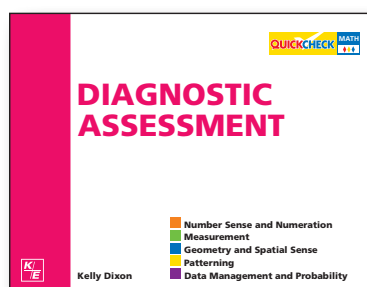
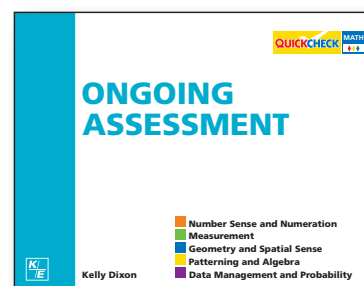
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In addition to this tile/book system, they also have teacher resources, one ongoing assessment book and one diagnostic assessment. Although intended ideally for a teacher in a classroom setting these could be very useful for the homeschool environment too.

Assessment Tools

The Ongoing Assessment book is divided into each of the 5 areas and builds on what you have been doing with the tiles in different ways – making sure that the student “gets” the concept behind the game and isn’t just winging it. There are step-by-step activities all laid out: materials needed, questions to ask, what to do, and includes templates and worksheets like base 10 manipulatives as well. There are sheets you can copy to write down your observations on a student if you want, and a great way to compare how they are at the beginning of a season with the end of it.



The Diagnostic Assessment is designed to be used as checkpoints throughout the program to make sure the student has understood what they’ve been working on. Instead of expanding the skill sets, it’s more of a testing opportunity. This book also includes templates and evaluation sheets.

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