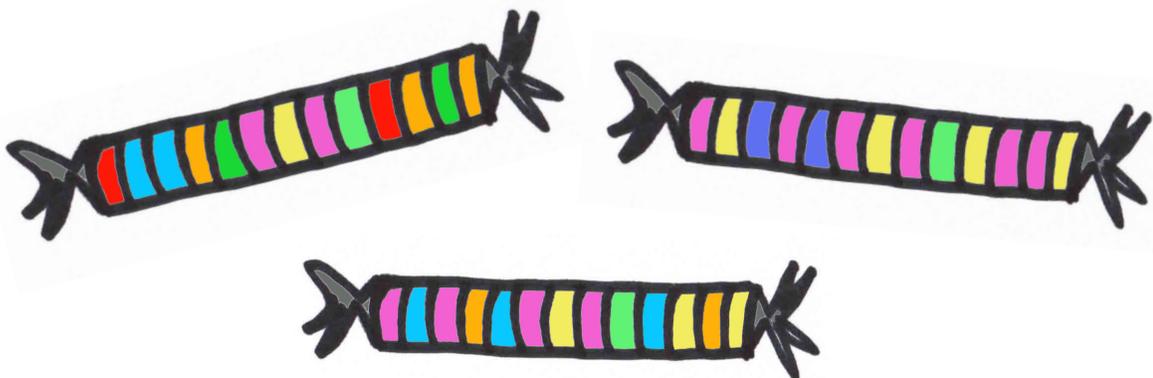




# Practicing Percents

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# \*\*\* TEACHER Tips \*\*\*

☞ Pass out the multi-colored candy that you plan to use with your students. Smarties are cheap and work great! :)

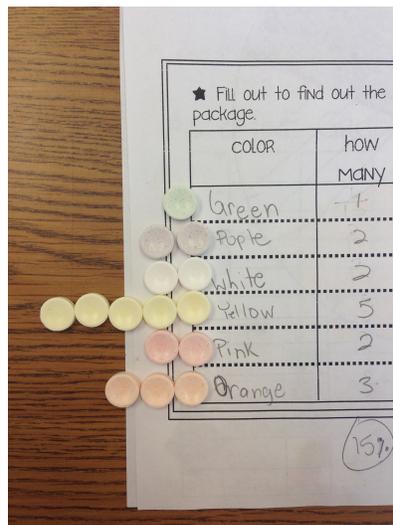
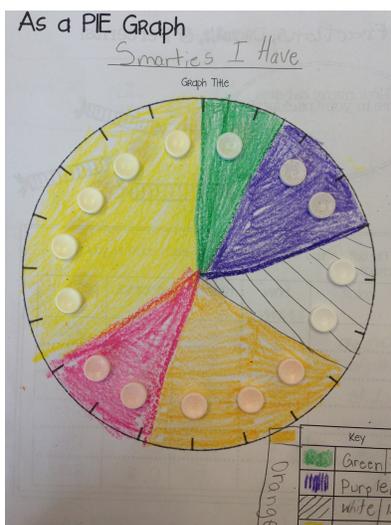
☞ Each student counts how many candies he or she has and writes it in the top oval of his/her paper.

☞ Students list colors. Each student counts each color, and works through the columns to figure the percent he or she has of each color. (If possible, allow students to use calculators. This helps students focus on the PROCESS of finding percentages.)

☞ Have students graph their results and discuss. (A Pie Graph is the easiest to visualize 100% of the candies. Have students lay their candies on each section to make the correlation between the size of the slice and amount of each color.)

To figure out the percentage:

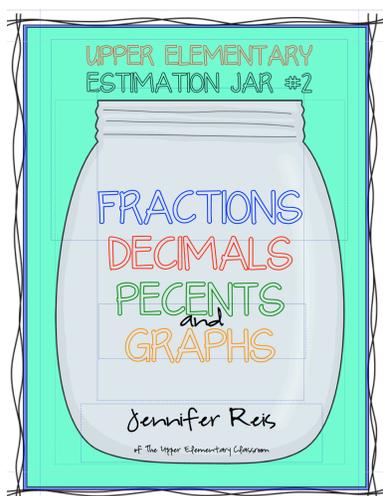
$$\# \text{ of the color} / \text{Total} \# \text{ of candies} \times 100 = \% \text{ of each color}$$



Have students lay their candies down to make a bar graph. (A bar graph makes it easy to see which color had the most candies.)

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-Jen



