Lesson Plan #11—Math
Title: Using M&Ms to Teach Bar Graphs
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Introduction:
This lesson provides an opportunity for students to create a bar graph using M&Ms.

Objectives:
In this lesson, students will:
• create a bar graph using M&Ms
• copy the bar graph on paper
• create a word problem using the bar graph

Session Time:
45 minutes to 1 hour

Materials:
• M&Ms in individual bags
• graph paper
• markers
• plain white paper
• notebook paper
• paper towels (to place M&Ms on)

Methods:
Interactive participation

Procedures:
1) Review with students how to organize their data
2) Open M&Ms and divide them up according to color
3) Make the bar graph with M&Ms on paper towel
4) Make graph on paper
5) Write a question

Conclusion:
Students can share their graphs and questions and then eat their M&Ms.

NOTE: This lesson was developed during the New Teacher Orientation Workshop on August 10, 2009 at John A. Logan College.