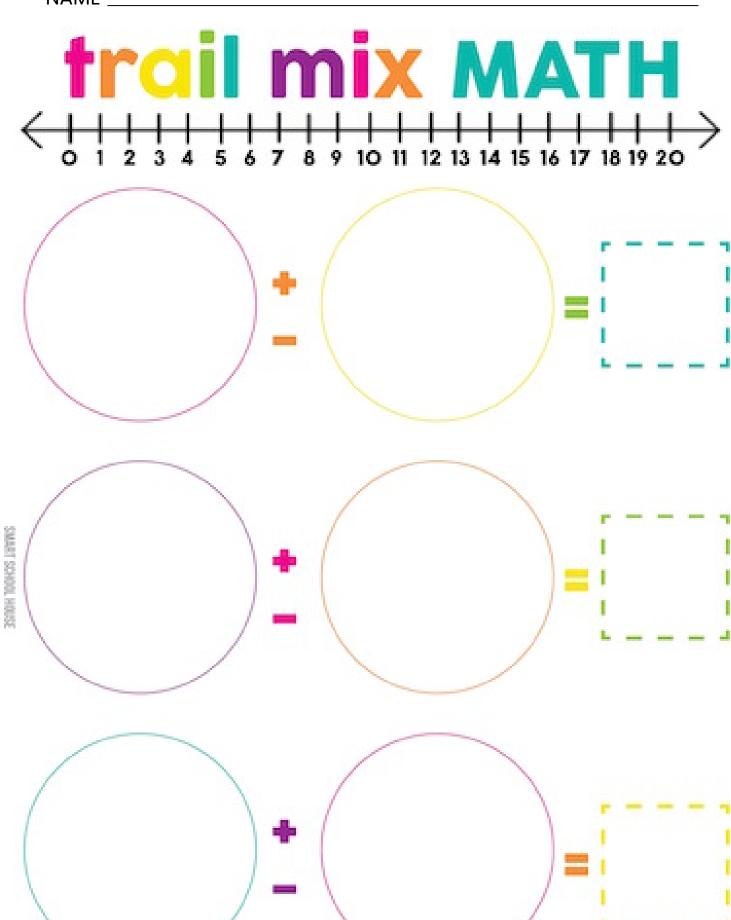
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Trail Mix Math - Kansas Edition

Materials:

- Trail Mix Math worksheet
- Kansas Trail Mix (pretzels, sunflower seeds, M&Ms, popcorn)
- Pencil

Directions:

- 1. Introduce the activity:
- 2. Explain that students will be using the Kansas Trail Mix to practice addition and subtraction problems on the worksheet.
- 3. Student-created equations:
 - Students choose one ingredient (e.g., M&Ms).
 - Place a certain number of that ingredient in each circle on the worksheet.
 - Decide whether to add or subtract.
 - If subtracting, remind them the larger number must go in the left circle.
 - Count and record the answer in the box.
- 4. Partner work option:
- 5. Students can work with a partner to create and solve their own equations.
- 6. Teacher-led option: The teacher writes equations on the board. Students use their trail mix as counters to model the problem and find the answer on their worksheet.
- 7. Wrap-up: After finishing, students can enjoy a small snack of their trail mix!