**Culminating Task: Family Outing – Teacher Notes**

You and your family are planning to rent a van for a 1 day trip to Family Fun Amusement Park in Friendly Town. For the van your family wants, the Wheels and Deals Car Rental Agency charges $25 per day plus 50 cents per mile to rent the van. The Cars R Us Rental Agency charges $40 per day plus 25 cents per mile to rent the same type van.

**1. Write a mathematical model to represent the cost of renting a van from the Wheels and Deals Agency for 1 day.**

***C = $25 + $0.50m***

a. Do the units matter for this equation?

***Yes, the units matter. Both the cost per day and the cost per mile should be in the same unit.***

b. Use the equation to determine the cost for renting the van from this agency for 1 day and driving 40 miles.

***C = $25(1) + $0.50(40)***

***C = $25 + $20***

***C = $45***

**2. Write a mathematical model to represent the cost of renting from the Cars R Us Agency for 1 day.**

***C = $40 + $.25m***

**a. Do the units for this equation match the units for the equation in problem 1? Does this matter when comparing the 2 equations?**

***The units should be the same for both equations.***

**b. Use the equation from ‘2a’ to determine the cost for renting the van from Cars R Us for 1 day and driving 40 miles.**

***C = $40(1) + $0.25(40)***

***C = $50***

**3. Graph the 2 models on the same coordinate system. Be sure to extend the lines until they**

**intersect.**

**a. Where do the 2 lines intersect?**

***(60, 55) After 60 miles, the cost for the rental will be $55.***

**b. What does the point of intersection represent?**

***The point represents the number of miles for which the cost of the rental will be the same for both agencies.***

**c. When is it cheaper to rent from Wheels and Deals?**

***It is cheaper to rent from Wheels and Deals when you are driving less than 60 miles.***

**d. When is it cheaper to rent from Cars R Us?**

***It is cheaper to rent from Cars R Us when you are driving more than 60 miles.***

**4. Friendly Town is approximately 80 miles from your home town. Which agency should you choose? Justify your answer**.

***You should choose the Cars R Us agency because the cost of renting from them would be approximately $60. The cost for renting from Wheels and Deals would be approximately $65***

When you leave the car rental agency, your father goes to the Fill ‘er Up Convenience Store for gas. The gas hand indicates the van is on empty, so your father plans to fill the tank. Gas at the station is $3.49 per gallon.

**5. If your father spends $78 on gas, approximately how many gallons did he purchase?**

***$78 = $3.49\*g***

***g = $78/$3.49***

***He purchased approximately 22 gallons of gas.***

While in the store, your father purchases drinks for the six people in your van. Part of your family wants coffee and the rest want a soda.

**6. Coffee in the store costs $0.49 per cup and sodas are $1.29 each. The cost of the drinks before tax was $6.14.**

**a. Write a mathematical model that represents the total number of cups of coffee and sodas.**

***c + s = 6***

**b. Write a mathematical model that represents the cost of the coffee and soda.**

***$0.49c + $1.29s = $6.14***

**c. Solve the system of equations using the elimination method.**

***–0.49(c + s) = –0.49(6)***

***–0.49c – 0.49s = –2.94***

***+ 0 .49c + 1.29s = 6.14***

***0 .8s = 3.2***

***s = 4***

***c + 4 = 6***

***c = 2***

***Your father purchased 2 cups of coffee and 4 sodas***

**EXTENSION:** When you arrive in Friendly Town at the Family Fun Amusement Park, the 6 people in your family pair up to enter the park. You and your brother decide to enter and ride together. The cost to enter the park is $10, with each ride costing $2.

7. You bring $55 to the park. You must pay to enter the park and you budget an additional $10 for food. Write and solve an inequality to determine the maximum number of rides you can ride. Explain your answer.

***$10 + $10 + $2r ≤ $55***

***$2r ≤ $35***

***r ≤ 17.5***

***The maximum number rides you can ride is 17, because you can’t ride half of a ride.***

**8. Your brother brings $70 to the park and budgets $12 for food. How many more rides can he ride than you? Explain your answer.**

***$10 + $12 + 2r ≤ $70***

***r ≤ 24 rides***

***Your brother can ride up to 24 rides. You can ride up to 17. Therefore, he can ride 7 more rides than you.***

**EXTENSION:** Inside the park, there are 2 vendors that sell popcorn and cotton candy. Jiffy Snacks sells both for $2.50 per bag. Quick Eats has cotton candy for $4 per bag and popcorn for $2 per bag.

**9. If you use the $10 you budgeted for food, write an inequality to model the possible combinations of popcorn and cotton candy you can purchase from Jiffy Snacks.**

***$2.50c + $2.50p ≤ $10***

**10. Write an inequality to model the possible combinations of popcorn and cotton candy you can purchase from Quick Eats.**

***$4.00c + $2.00p ≤ $10***