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Think about  
your strategy!

# The Estimation Station

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## **Teacher Notes:**

The teacher should purchase a small plastic container for use in the estimation station. Glass jars should not be used, as students will be transporting the jars to and from school. The teacher may wish to change the size and shape of containers throughout the year. Teachers may also choose what to do with the contents of the containers at the end of the week. Teachers may let the Estimator of the Week keep all contents as a reward for making the closest estimate or teachers may make the decision that the class will share the contents every week.

A decorative border of lightbulbs surrounds the central text area. The top and bottom borders consist of a single row of lightbulbs. The left and right borders consist of two rows of lightbulbs each. Each lightbulb has a small 'Z' inside, indicating it is lit.

# CONGRATULATIONS!



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## Estimator of the Week