## PhET Tips for Teachers Arithmetic

## **Tips for controls:**

The simulation is very easy to use. With the clock off, the students will get a final score calculated by correct minus incorrect. With the clock on, the score is the (number right-number wrong)/time in seconds times 60 or (final score)/time\*60. There is no tracking of student progress.

## Students could easily work with the sim in three ways:

- As a warm-up activity on the days that we work on the word problem software
- Outside of class for students having deficiencies in these basic math skills
- During assigned make-up time in classroom (At many schools, if students are on the D/F list or have attendance issues, they are assigned extra time in the teacher's classroom or study hall)

## **Suggestions for sim use:**

- Use the activity by Trish Loeblein which includes a spreadsheet template for tracking student progress: Arithmetic Games
- For tips on using PhET sims with your students see: **Guidelines for Inquiry Contributions** and **Using PhET Sims**
- The simulations have been used successfully with homework, lectures, in-class activities, or lab activities. Use them for introduction to concepts, learning new concepts, reinforcement of concepts, as visual aids for interactive demonstrations, or with in-class clicker questions. To read more, see <a href="Teaching Physics using PhET Simulations">Teaching Physics using PhET Simulations</a>
- For activities and lesson plans written by the PhET team and other teachers, see: <u>Teacher</u> <u>Ideas & Activities</u>
- Gold Star Activities: