



THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO SCHOOL MATHEMATICS PROJECT

# EVERYDAY MATHEMATICS

## MULTIPLICATION SYMBOLS

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Beginning in 4<sup>th</sup> *Grade Everyday Mathematics*, the following symbols are used to represent multiplication situations:

X

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Since variables are introduced in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade,  $x$  can be confusing as both a multiplication symbol and a variable. The authors of *EM* chose to use \* because computers and some calculators use \* for multiplication.

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