## Initial Instruction Using Strategy

**To introduce strategy, have the students "watch" you solve two or three equations such as**
**$5x + 1 = 21$; $4x - 2 = 10$, and $\frac{x}{3} - 2 = 8$ as you talk through the problems and inform them of how you are using the strategy and the Properties of Real Numbers. Then ask them to solve two or three problems; $4x + 3 = 27$; $10x - 3 = 37$ and $\frac{x}{2} + 5 = 9$.**

**When introducing equations, use numbers that don't distract students from the concept or skill being taught or bog them down in arithmetic.**