Subtracting Like Fractions

Materials: fraction kits

1. Use fraction kit pieces to solve the following problems. Draw a model and record the equation.

   A) $\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{4}$  
   B) $\frac{5}{8} - \frac{2}{8}$  
   C) $\frac{4}{6} - \frac{2}{6}$  
   D) $\frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3}$

   E) $\frac{7}{8} - ? = \frac{4}{8}$  
   F) $\frac{6}{6} - ? = \frac{4}{6}$  
   F) ? - $\frac{4}{6}$ = $\frac{1}{6}$

2. What do you notice about the numerator and denominator when you subtract fractions with like denominators?

3. Write a rule for subtracting fractions with like denominators in your own words.