Montlake Math Challenge

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The Happy Cheese Factory

At the Happy Cheese Facotry, triangular blocks of cheese are packaged in cardboard containers that are shaped like the cheese. A block of cheese can fit into its container in a number of ways.

Problem 1: Last week, we saw that there are 6 ways the cheese can fit into its cardboard container. For each one, (1) draw a picture of the cheese and (2) write down the position of each of the corners. One example has been done for you.

Name of Move	Picture	Position of 1	Position of 2	Position of 3
0				
R1	~ · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	2	3	1
R2				
F1				
F2				
F3				

Problem 2: When I write F1 ♦ F2, I mean that I will FIRST apply F2 THEN apply F1.

What is does the triangle look like after I apply $F1 \diamond F2$? How about after I apply $F1 \diamond F1$? What moves in the table on Page 1 do these correspond to?

Problem 3: Fill in the following table by entering the result of [ROW \diamond COLUMN], and recognizing each entry as one of the moves from the table on page 1. For example, in row F1 and column F2, you would enter F1 \diamond F2 = R2, but in row F2 and column F1, you would enter F2 \diamond F1.

	0	R1	R2	F1	F2	F3
0						
R1						
R2						
F1					R2	
F2						
F3						