Session 2 - Building Math Learning Pathways Family Webinar Series





Session Topics

Depth, not speed

Visual math

Flexible thinking





Emphasize Depth, Not Speed

- Ongoing successful math learning, especially at high levels is about comprehending the 'why'
 - Analyzing/synthesizing information in context (eg word problems)
 - Memorization is not the same as learning why
- Do not emphasize speed
 - Instead, use visual math to support learning
 - The core of math is about reasoning
 - Number sense is a priority (more on this shortly)
 - Efficient thinking is important



Math is Visual

- Math is not a 'plug and chug' or 'drill to skill' subject
- Light up the brain with thinking
 - Use fingers
 - Use visuals/representations
 - Concrete, Representational, Abstract
- <u>Virtual manipulatives</u>
- Memorizing facts ≠ Math Success



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https://youcubed2.wpenginepowered.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Vi sual-Math-Paper-vF.pdf

More on visual math here



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Visual Math Example

Work out 18 x 5 and show a visual solution.



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Flexible Thinking

- Not always 'how I/we were taught'
- Strategies to support student learning
 - Read-Draw-Write (Eureka Math, K-5)
 - Number Bonds (Eureka Math, K-5)
 - Various Paths to Understanding/Learning



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How do each of 5 students below demonstrate flexible thinking?



Example: Read, Draw, Write Nine dogs were playing at the park. Some more dogs ran in. Then there were 12 dogs in all. How many dogs ran in? Student Response: 9 + 12 = 21 Twenty-one dogs ran in.





Example: Number Bonds

Check out this video of number bonds in action for student learning



Example: Place Value & Operations

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Example: Fraction Concepts



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