

The Sessions

- Dates Tues. Jan. 28, Feb. 11 and April 1
- @SBO 4:00-6:00
- Today Introduction, overview of Guided Math



Purpose

How can we effectively teach math when we have a classroom of students at many different levels of achievement?

Introduction

- 1. Describe one negative and positive experience you have had while differentiating math instruction.
- 2. Currently, do all students in your class feel they can learn math?
- 3. Explain your familiarity with Guided Math.

The Traditional Approach to Teaching Math

- Large group instruction
- All students work on the same level
- Often instruction and practice is from text book
- Emphasis on paper and pencil work
- One correct answer
 - Individual work

Does this approach work?

- Successful for some students
- Less successful for those who quickly acquire mastery
- Even less successful for struggling students
- Encourages emphasis on computation skills

- Little opportunity for communication
- More emphasis on evaluation, rather than assessment for learning

How can we...?

- Reach students at all levels of achievement
- Provide diverse methods of learning
- Allow more opportunities for observation and communication by students
- Encourage active engagement by students

What is Guided Math?

A flexible instructional framework that enables teachers to:

- determine students unique needs
- address those needs through a combination of whole class instruction and small group instruction

Menu of Instruction

- Whole class instruction
- Small group guided instruction
- Math Workshop (independent work or work in cooperative groups)

Components - Guided Math

- Assessment
- Possible Rotations or Organization for implementation
- Whole Class Instruction
- Math Warmups
- Math Workshop/Math Work stations/Centres
- Guided Math Lesson/Small Group Instruction
 - Managing, Template for Before During After

Resources (Leaps and Bounds)

Whole Class Instruction

- Captures everyone's attention at once.
- Quick way to present same information to all.
- Builds mathematical community by creating common experiences.
- More time can be devoted to the lesson.

Whole Class Instruction

What are some challenges

- Fails to target students varying levels of competency
- Difficult to maintain attention of all.
- Communication opportunities limited.
- Minimal descriptive feedback from the teacher or peers.
- Ongoing assessment is more difficult.
- Students may engage in work based on a misunderstanding and then practice incorrect methods.

Effective Uses of Whole Class Instruction

- Introduction of a new series of lessons with an activating strategy to generate interest, enthusiasm, and curiosity
- Use of literature to teach a math concept
- Review of previously taught and mastered skills to ensure maintenance
- Preparing a class for cooperative group work; providing common knowledge about requirements
- Some assessments

Represent 24 in as many ways as you can

Small Group Guided Instruction

- Is similar to guided reading, but composition of the groups may be even more <u>fluid</u>
- Homogenous, flexible grouping by level of achievement
- Requires assessment to determine each student's level
- Provides scaffolding to support the learning efforts of students
- Encourages exploration of math concepts in a risk-free learning environment

Small Group Guided Instruction

- Introduction of new concepts
- Practice of new skills
- Instruction with manipulatives
- Intensive instruction for students having difficulty mastering concepts
- Introduction of activities that will later become independent work during math workshop/ centres
- Informal assessment
- Re-teaching based on results of formative assessment

How can you assess students to determine grouping prior to and during instruction?

- Observation of an assigned task
- Written explanation of understanding by students in their math journals
- Pre-assessment
- Formative test results
- Performance in earlier work on sequential math concepts
- Checklist
- Conferencing

Math Workshop Centres/Workstations etc.

- Students work independently, in pairs, or in groups.
- Procedures and routines must be established and practiced.
- Activities should provide opportunities for <u>exploration</u> or <u>practice of mastered</u> <u>skills</u>.

Math Workshop Activities

- Follow-up work from small group lesson
 - Seat work etc.
- Problems of the Week
- Math games
- Work with manipulatives
- Math journals
- Multidisciplinary Connections (where Language Arts, Science or Social Studies relate to Math)
- Children's literature
- Technology

Gradual Release of Responsibility

• Whole Group Instruction

- Highest level of teacher support
- Teacher modeling and think-alouds
- Mini-lessons, direct instruction
- Small Group Guided Instruction
 - Moderate level of teacher support
 - Scaffolded instruction tailored to individual needs of students
- Math Workshop
 - Lowest level of teacher support
 - Independent work by individuals or groups

Classroom Management Accountability

- Rubric with criteria
- Managing the paper work
- Completing work for next time
 - Record math problems on labels and stick in math book if incomplete

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		1	2	3	4
N	Tuesday /ly Points	I was not on task for the majority of math workshop. OR I did not give my best effort.	I was on task for the majority of math workshop. I usually gave good effort on my work.	I was on task the entire duration of math workshop. I usually gave good effort on all of my work.	I was on task the entire duration of math workshop. I gave my best effort on all of my work.
N	Tuesday /ly Points	The majority of my work was not accurate OR I did not complete the majority of my tasks.	Most of my work was accurate, but I did not complete all of my tasks.	Most of my work was accurate, and I completed all of my tasks.	All of my work was accurate and complete.
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Organization/Planning

- Use templates to keep track of groups and lesson goals
- Other?

Morning Math Warm-ups

- Mathematical Stretches
- Mathematical Current Events
- Math-Related Classroom

Responsibilities

Calendar Board

Mathematical Stretches

What's Next? 1, 2, 4, 7, 11, 16, _, _, _, _, _, 79, ____, ___, ___, ___, ___, ___,

What's Next? Stretch

Mathematical Stretches

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How many ways can you show a number? 25 2 tens and 5 ones 20 + 5 $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} + went + five$ $\frac{39}{19+6} = \frac{39}{-5}$ 10+10+5

Number of the Day Stretch

Math Workshop/Math Work Stations/ Centres

- Math journals
- Games
- Open Questions
- Classroom management

Possible Next Steps...

- Baby steps
- First month
 - Build up your math games
 - Teach them
 - Implement morning stretches
- What resources do you already have?
- What resources do you need?

5 3 1 Activity

- 5 Great Ideas
- 3 Must Try
- 1 Question

For next session...

Feb. 11

Before next session, please read chapters 1-3 Discussion Questions - Be ready to share your thoughts

