## Let's Give Them Something to Read, Write, and Talk About in Mathematics!

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A challenge faced by teachers across the country is identifying and using strategies to help students effectively

## communicate their mathematical thinking.

## Goals for Today:

- Explore instructional strategies and activities that integrate literacy in the math classroom and promote problem solving, reasoning and critical-thinking skills in a student-centered classroom.
- Explore strategies and activities to help students connect mathematical concepts to the real world and engage in problem posing tasks that relate to real-life situations.
- Identify strategies for incorporating writing in the mathematics classroom that foster student confidence


Jasmine collects Shopkins. She has more than 45, but less than 75.

When she counts them by threes, she has none left over.

When she counts them by fives, she has two left over.
When she counts them by twos, she has none left over.

The number of Shopkins is more than half of 100. How many Shopkins does Jasmine have?

Show your thinking and reasoning.


## Mathematical Bet Lines

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"Bet Lines are key stopping points (text lines) where teachers ask students to dialogue about what they have just read and make predictions about the
future." (Soto-Hinman and Hetzel
2009, p. 95)

Mathematical Bet Lines is a discourse strategy that helps students understand story problems by revealing the task in stages and having learners adjust their predictions."
"Supporting Sense Making with Mathematical Bet Lines" by Lara Dick, Tracy Foote White, Aaron
Trocki, Paola Sztajn, Daniel Heck, and Kate Herrema, Teaching
Children Mathematics Vol. 22,
No. 9, May 2016.
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A 'math language routine' refers to a structured but adaptable format for amplifying, assessing, and developing students' language.

MLRs are designed to support a variety of language-focused skill growth: from reinforcing mathematical terminology to scaffolding conversations to providing opportunities for students to deepen their conceptual understanding by describing their work.

Purpose of this routine is to foster students' meta-awareness as they identify, compare, and contrast different mathematical approaches and representations. This routine leverages the powerful mix of disciplinary representations available in mathematics as a resource for language development. In this routine, students make sense of mathematical strategies other than their own by relating and connecting other approaches to their own.

## NUMBER TALK:

## HOW MANY <br> GOLDFISH DO YOU

SEE? HOW DO YOU SEE THEM?

- How did you count the goldfish?
- Did anyone count the goldfish a different way?
- Did anyone know there
 were twenty-eight a different way?


## NUMBER TALK:

HOW MANY GOLDF


## MP3 Construct Viable Arguments and Critique the Reasoning of Others



Students should be able to talk about math, using mathematical language, to support or oppose the work of others.

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## Debate Journal

Sam ran for 13 minutes. Dre ran for 9 minutes. Who ran longer?
Sam said they should add. Dre said they should subtract.
Who is correct?
Tell how you know with pictures, numbers, or words.

OMine the Gap for Mathematical Understanding: Common Holes and Misconceptions and What to Do About Them, Grades K - 2 by John Sangiovanni, 2017

Learning mathematics is more than simply copying what the teacher does and repeating it.
Students must learn mathematics in many different ways.
Writing provides the time for students to think and reflect, to make meaning about what they are learning. By writing, students begin to make an idea or concept their own.
Integrating writing into mathematics lessons allows teachers to focus on teaching for understanding while helping students see the connections between reading, writing, and mathematics.

Writing allows the brain time to reflect on learning. Thinking time is necessary to process learning. It is more valuable to students than memorization. When thinking about the concept or idea the student can go back to the way they created meaning
 during writing.


Using children's literature is a nonthreatening strategy for getting students to write about mathematics topics.




## Double the Ducks by Stuart J. Murphy



- Launching for problem solving and problem posing
- Can contextualize and support connections
- Making predictions-noticings \& wonderings
- Activate prior knowledge-Lens of experiences

- Creativity \& Imagination
- Critique and make sense of our world
- Catalyzing Change, NCTM 2018, 2020
- Vocabulary-dual meaning words-symbols
- Enrich classroom discourse
- Supports reasoning and sense-making

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## Math Journals

- Allow students to record their math work and thinking.
- Can be used to record solutions to math problems, strategies, and thought processes used to arrive at the solution.
- Provide students with an avenue to organize, clarify, and reflect on their thinking in mathematics.
- Can be used by the teacher as a formative assessment tool to inform classroom instruction.
- In addition to learning how to "do" math, students must also learn how to articulate what they're learning in math. Recording one's thinking and receiving specific, instructional feedback from the teacher can help students achieve this goal.
- Allow teachers to actively engage students in writing about mathematics
- Allow students to articulate their mathematical thinking and promote greater understanding of concepts
- Allow students to approach problem solving from multiple entry points and express their thinking in diverse ways
- Allow students to model with mathematics
- Provide the teacher with valuable information that can be used to inform instruction


## Next Steps

Add to Your Professional Toolkit



ORawding and Wills (2012), November 2015 issue of Teaching Children Mathematics

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## Sample Question Stems

## Math Conference <br> Joint



## Thank you



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## Questions

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