

MAKING MATH MORE ENJOYING

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Math is one of the core subjects which is being taught from primary up to college level in Education. As early as Grade 1, this subject plays a vital role in a learner's growth and progress. Numeracy is one of the areas which is being monitored and assessed. Mathematics is indeed, significant in the lives of our learners. While others find Math interesting, some may find it traumatic. They are some learners who are afraid of taking this subject or learning from it. The good news is, we as teachers can eradicate these negative connotations on Math. Let us make Math more interesting.

As teachers, let us help our learners be excited with Math. Let us instill in their minds that Math may be a complex skill but there are dozen strategies to make it more exciting. Let us stop being called "terror teachers." Some learners confessed that though they find Math difficult, they become interested to learn if the teachers help them perceive that Math is not a frightening subject. Some teachers make Math more exciting and thus, learners are enjoying this subject.

Establishing routine is a first step in making Math more enjoyable. Introduce Math Flash cards involving the four fundamental operations to the learners. If they become familiar with this, they can notice that Math is a process which can be learned. Struggling with the basic operations? Regularly answering window cards help them become acquainted with MDAS (Multiplication, Division, Addition, Subtraction) and aids them master these fundamental operations easier.

Utilizing real objects is also helpful. If they are struggling with place values, there are blocks and manipulatives which can help them. If they are finding it hard visualizing

with projects, applying the lesson with real life objects can work well and aid their understanding. The use of popsicle sticks, straws, among others are proven to be effective in teaching how to count.

Teaching with games is another fun way to let the children learn easier. If they see that Math concepts are paired with games, they will find it more enjoyable and easier to understand. It is a common knowledge that games play vital role in learners' progress.

Who says MATH is always boring and difficult? It can be fun and enjoyable if partnered by proper techniques.

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