

Livingston Public Schools: Bringing Math into Focus



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Overview of
Math in Focus

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Shifts in Teaching
& Learning

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Vision of Livingston Elementary Mathematics

$$2+2=4$$



Everyone can learn
math to the highest
levels.



Mistakes are
valuable.



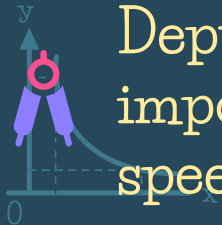
Math is about
connections and
communicating.



Math class is
about learning
not performing.



Questions are
really important.



Depth is more
important than
speed.



Math is about
creativity and
making sense.

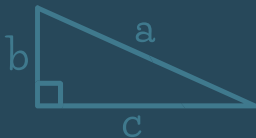
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Math in Focus Overview



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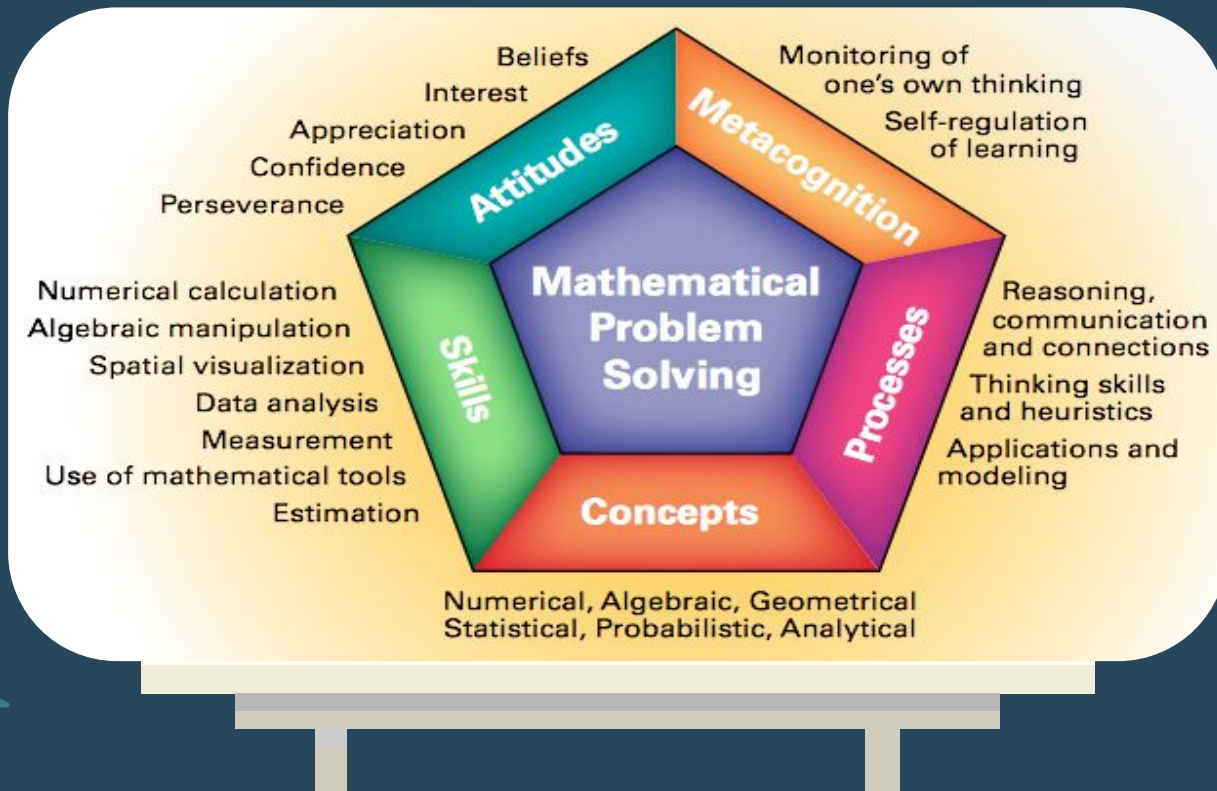
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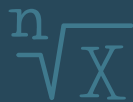
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Key Instructional Strategies

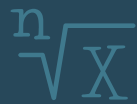
> Concrete-Pictorial-Abstract

≥ Visualization



Examples of visualization strategies:

- Ten frames:** Illustrates addition using ten frames. For example, 2 + 3 = 5 is shown by filling two ten frames with red and blue dots.
- Number bonds:** Illustrates addition using number bonds. For example, 5 + 3 = 8 is shown by a number bond with 5 and 3 in the parts and 8 in the whole.
- Number lines:** Illustrates addition using number lines. For example, 5 + 3 = 8 is shown by a number line starting at 5 and jumping 3 units to 8.
- Place-value charts:** Illustrates addition using place-value charts. For example, 234 + 567 is shown by adding thousands, hundreds, tens, and ones.
- Fraction models:** Illustrates addition using fraction models. For example, $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$ is shown by a fraction bar divided into four equal parts.



Key Instructional Strategies



Problem Solving

Polya's 4 Step Problem Solving Method

Step 1 - Understand the Problem

Step 2 - Think of a Plan

Step 3 - Carry out the plan

Step 4 - Check your answer



Heuristics

Look for Patterns

Work Backwards

Make a List

Guess & Check

Draw a Picture/Model

Act it Out

Solve Part of the Problem

Solve an Equation

Use a Model

Solve a Simpler Problem

Be Ingenious

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Math In Focus Classroom - Looks Like Sounds Like



- Engagement
- Depth vs. Breadth
- Mathematical Discourse
- Teacher as the facilitator
- Differentiation
- Hands on Exploration
- Mistakes are opportunities for learning
- Mastery of content standards
- Excitement

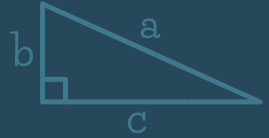
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Using Data to Focus Practice



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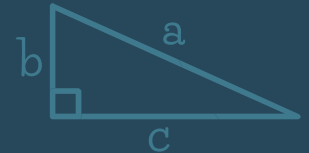
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“Assessment is an ongoing awareness of students’ learning and their needs, rather than an occasional event in the program. Minute-by-minute observations of students, along with an understanding of how children learn, allow teachers to make valid decisions and judgements ...”

(Guide to Effective Instruction - Volume 4, 2006)



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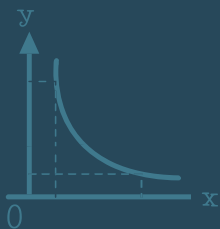


Summative Assessment

Opportunities for students to apply the mathematics they have learned in new, or novel, situations. Being able to apply the mathematics is the true test of whether the students have developed understanding or are just merely able to repeat a procedure.

Formative Assessment

Used consistently to help shape the direction of the lessons based upon student understanding.



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Look Fors in Formative Assessments

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Mathematical Discourse

Are students able to communicate their ideas? What noticings do students have? Are they making connections between content? Are there naive conceptions?



CPA Progression

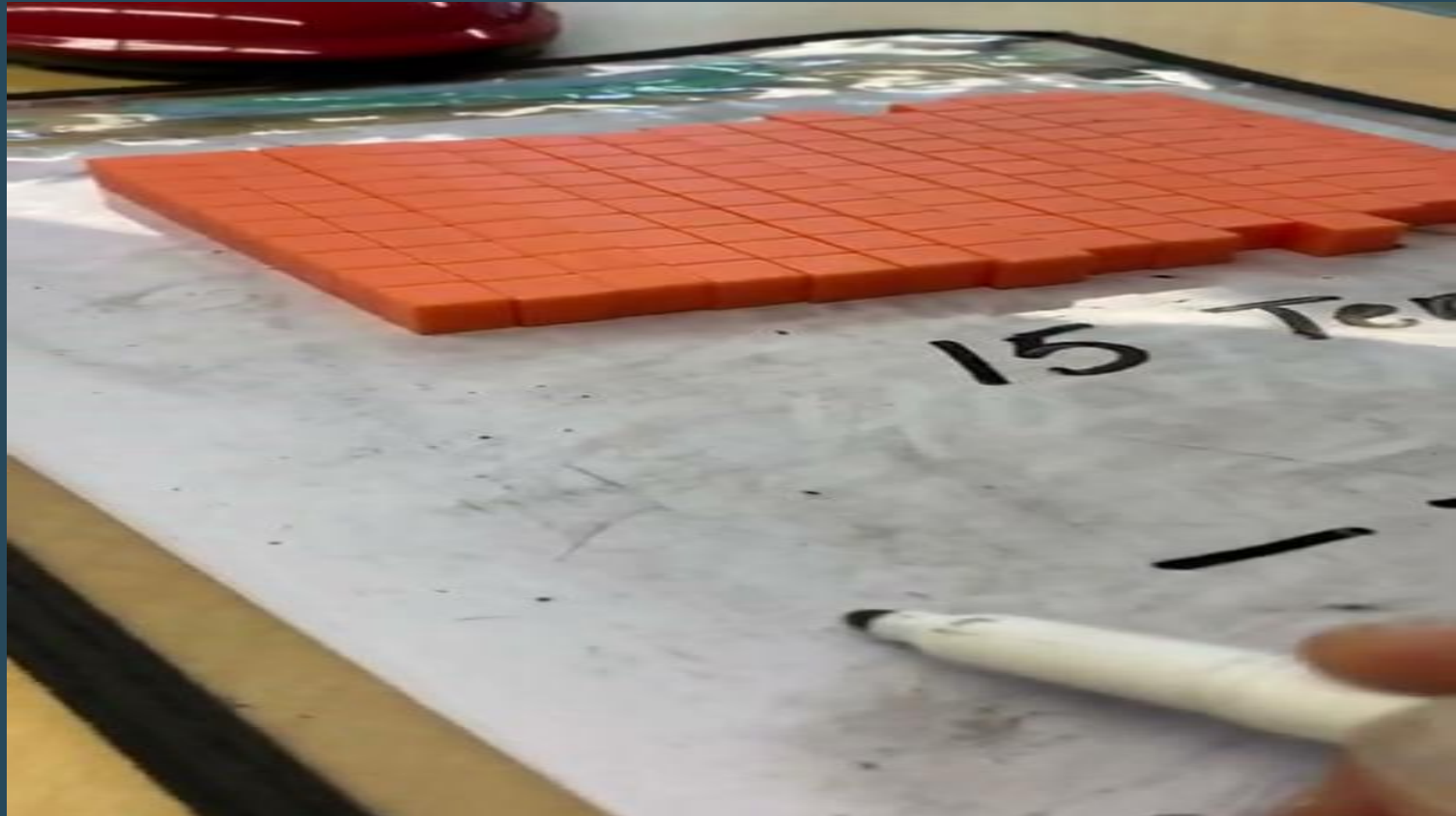
Can students work through the concrete, pictorial, and abstract stages of a skill?



Heuristics

Do students persevere in solving problems through the use of strategies?

Video of CPA Progression



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Formative Assessment Opportunities: By Lesson

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Recall Prior Knowledge and Quick Check

Activate and review student schema. Gives teacher **data to determine if students are ready for the chapter or a review is needed.**

Think & Engage

Inquiry based activities. Data on strategies and approaches.



Independent Practice

Data is collected on individual students progress through the mastery of the skill. On level, remediation, and enrichment groups are formed.

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Guided practice. Data is collected on student strengths and misconceptions to begin determination of small groups.

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Recall Prior Knowledge

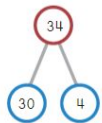
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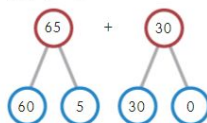
- Presented & discussed prior to each chapter
- Represents prerequisite skills needed to be successful within chapter
- A teacher gathers data of student schema and determines if prior lessons are needed to prepare students for chapter within whole group or small group.

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Adding mentally

a $34 + 2 = ?$ 

$4 + 2 = 6$
 $30 + 6 = 36$
So, $34 + 2 = 36$.

b $65 + 30 = ?$ 

$60 + 30 = 90$
 $5 + 0 = 5$
 $90 + 5 = 95$
So, $65 + 30 = 95$.

Quick Check

Add mentally.

1 $46 + 3 =$ _____

2 $78 + 20 =$ _____

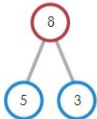
Adding three numbers

 $5 + 8 + 4 = ?$

STEP 1 Make 10.
 $5 + 5 = 10$

STEP 2 $10 + 3 = 13$

STEP 3 $13 + 4 = 17$

So, $5 + 8 + 4 = 17$.

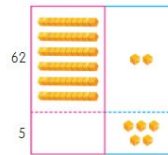
Quick Check

Add.

3 $3 + 6 + 5 =$ _____

4 $6 + 9 + 2 =$ _____

Adding without regrouping

 $62 + 5 = ?$ 

Step 1

Add the ones.

Tens	Ones
6	2
+	5
	7

2 ones + 5 ones
= 7 ones

Step 2

Add the tens.

Tens	Ones
6	2
+	5
6	7

6 tens + 0 tens
= 6 tens

So, $62 + 5 = 67$.

Quick Check

5 $53 + 4 =$ _____

$$\begin{array}{r} 53 \\ + 4 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

6 $82 + 7 =$ _____

$$\begin{array}{r} 82 \\ + 7 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$\frac{x}{2y}$ Formative Assessment Opportunities: $\frac{+}{x}$ By Concept

Math Journal

Data is collected to determine if the concepts students have learned can be applied through thinking and writing.

Put on Your Thinking Cap

Application based. Data is collected on if students can use heuristics to solve problems.



Chapter Review

Assesses the learning of the concepts and skills within the chapter.

Performance Task

Rubric based. Data is collected through student conversation and modeling.

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Put on Your Thinking Cap!

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PUT ON YOUR THINKING CAP!

Problem Solving with Heuristics

1 Mathematical Habit 1 Persevere in solving problems

Make two 3-digit numbers from the numbers below.
Use each number once.
What are the two 3-digit numbers that give the greatest answer when you add them?

3 5 2 4 1 0

Which two numbers can you add to get the greatest hundreds?

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- Focuses on Mathematical Habits
- Application based
- Teacher gathers data to determine student ability to utilize heuristics when faced with a novel problem.

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Summative Assessments

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Chapter Assessment

Comprised of direct application and novel problems. Assessment of mastery.



Cumulative Assessments

Comprised of direct application and novel problems over two or more chapters.



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Next Steps

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Building Flexibility

Daily data collection drives planning and instruction

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Assessments

Determine common assessment types by grade

03

Expand Capacity

Utilize PLC approach to analyze and facilitate data conversations

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02

Write/Revise Curriculum

Update with all assessments and purpose in 2nd grade. Write 3rd grade.

04

Data Collection

Formalize warehousing of data

