Applications of Progress Monitoring to IEP and Program Development

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Overview

- Defining Progress Monitoring and Curriculum-Based Measurement
- Conducting Curriculum-Based Measurement in Mathematics and Reading
- Using Curriculum-Based Measurement Data to Develop IEPs
- Using Curriculum-Based Measurement Data to Strengthen Instructional Planning

Defining Student Progress Monitoring

Progress monitoring involves ongoing data collection on skills that are important to student success

- to estimate student rates of improvement and
- to identify students who are not demonstrating adequate progress
- in order to alter instructional variables to better meet the needs of individual students.

Thus, teachers may use progress monitoring to design more effective, individualized instructional programs for struggling learners.

What Are Differences Between Traditional Assessments and Student Progress Monitoring?

Traditional Assessments:

- □ Tests typically are lengthy.
- □ Tests are administered on an infrequent basis.
- Teachers do not receive immediate feedback, and feedback may not inform instructional planning.
- Student scores are based on national scores and averages.

What Are Differences Between Traditional Assessments and Student Progress Monitoring?

Student Progress Monitoring:

- Conducted frequently and provides an easy and quick method for gathering student performance data on important, grade-level skills/content.
- Analysis of student progress (performance across time) in order to modify instructional programs when needed and/or adjust adjust student goals upward
- Comparison of data to individual student or to students in the teacher's classroom, in the child's school, or in the school district

What Is Curriculum-Based Measurement (CBM)?

CBM is a scientifically validated form of student progress monitoring that incorporates standard methods for test development and administration and for data utilization.

Key Features of CBM

- Each CBM test samples the year-long curriculum.
- CBM tests are brief and easy to administer.
- Each CBM test is different, but each form assesses the same types of skills at about the same level of difficulty.
- Teachers use CBM to monitor student progress throughout the school year by administering "probes" at regular and frequent intervals.

Key Features of CBM

- Teachers can use CBM data to quantify long- and short-term goals.
- CBM scores are graphed, and teachers may apply standard decision rules to determine whether student progress is sufficient for meeting long-term goals.
- CBM can be used to compare the effectiveness of different types of instructional interventions.
- CBM has documented reliability, validity, and instructional utility.

Conducting CBM in Mathematics

ComputationConcepts and Applications

Systematically samples items from the annual curriculum

Hypothetical Fourth-Grade Math Computation Curriculum

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Multidigit addition with regrouping
Multidigit subtraction with regrouping
Multiplication facts, factors to 9
Multiply 2-digit numbers by a 1-digit number
Multiply 2-digit numbers by a 2-digit number
Division facts, divisors to 9
Divide 2-digit numbers by a 1-digit number
Divide 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number
Add/subtract simple fractions, like denominators
Add/subtract whole number and mixed number
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• Random numerals within problems

 Random placement of problem types on page

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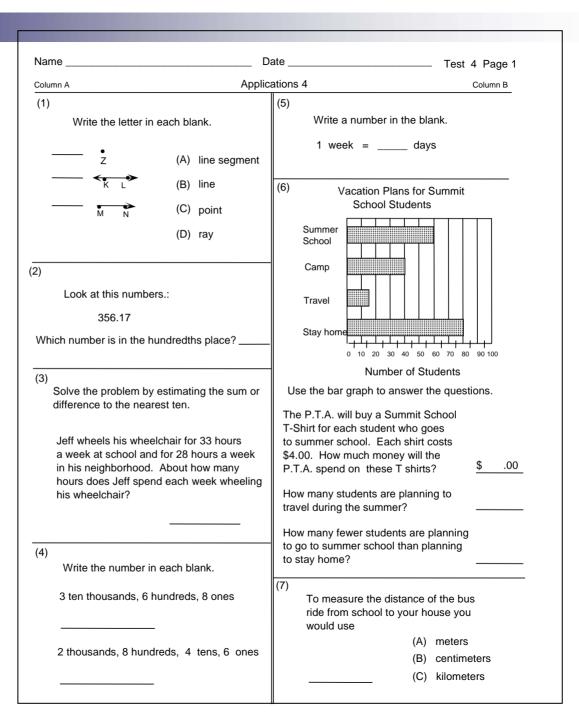
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One page of a 3-page CBM in mathematics concepts and applications (24 total problems)

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General Directions for Math CBM

- Give the student(s) a math sheet(s) and pencil.
- Say: "The sheet on your desk contains mathematics problems. There are several types of problems on the sheet. Some are (insert types of problems on sheet). Look at each problem carefully before you answer it. When I say, 'please begin,' start answering the problems. Begin with the first problem and work across the page. Then go to the next row. If you cannot answer the problem, mark an 'X' through it and go to the next one. If you finish a page, turn the page and continue working until I call time. Are there any questions?"

Conducting CBM in Mathematics

- Datum graphed: The number of digits (or problems) written correctly in <u>xx</u> minutes on mathematics problems representing the yearlong curriculum
- Answers scored: May use digits correct for answers on computation probes and use problems correct on concept/applications probes
- Time allotted: Varies by grade level, but time remains constant within each grade level

Sample Allotted Times by Grade Level and Type of Probe

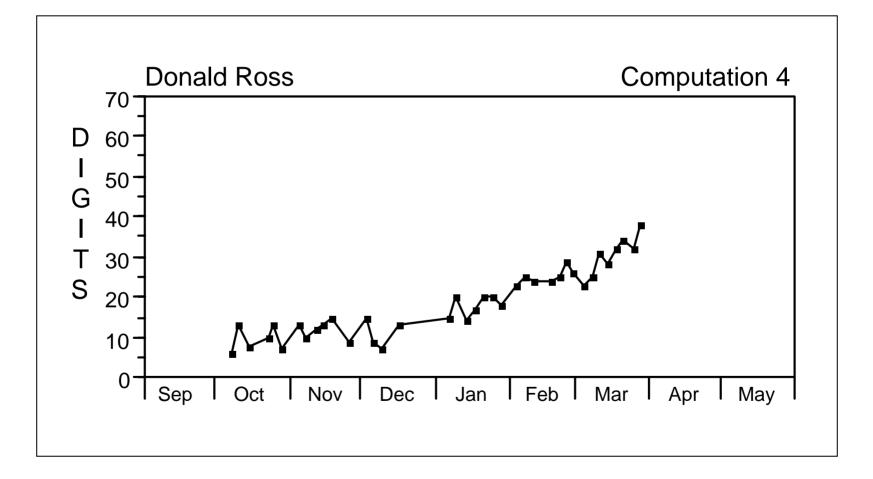
| | Computation | Concepts/Applications |
|----------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Grade 1: | 2 min. | |
| Grade 2: | 2 min. | 8 min. |
| Grade 3: | 3 min. | 6 min. |
| Grade 4: | 3 min. | 6 min. |
| Grade 5: | 5 min. | 7 min. |
| Grade 6: | 6 min. | 7 min. |

For Monitoring Basic Skills Progress

A "Correct Digit" Is the Right Numeral in the Right Place

4507 4507 4507 - 2146 - 2146 -21462461 2361 2441 **3 correct** 4 correct 2 correct digits digits digits

Donald's Progress in Digits Correct Across the School Year



Conducting CBM in Reading

Passage Reading Fluency Reading Maze

Tests a global behavior that simultaneously requires many skills taught in the annual curriculum.

Passage Reading Fluency

- Student is given passage in grade-level material that reflects the end-of-year goal and reads aloud for 1 minute.
- Teacher follows along on his or her own copy and marks any miscues the student makes. Teacher places a bracket after the last word read at the end of 1 minute.
- The teacher tallies the total number of words read correctly in 1 minute.

Directions for Conducting Reading CBM

- Give the student a passage to read.
- Place teacher's copy out of sight of student.
- Say to the student, "When I say 'begin,' start reading aloud at the top of the page. Read across the page. Try to read each word. If you come to a word you don't know, I'll tell it to you. Be sure to do your best reading. Do you have any questions? Begin."
- Set a digital timer for 1 minute.

Larry was very excited! His father had just brought home a new puppy. Larry's brother and sister were going to be very surprised, too.

The little puppy was black and brown with a few white patches. Her ears were long and floppy. Her tummy nearly touched the ground. Dad said this dog was a beagle. Larry thought their new dog was cute. He couldn't decide what he wanted to name

Reading CBM Scoring Criteria

Words read correctly are those pronounced correctly, in accordance with the context of the sentence (and the student's dialect).

Miscues:

Mispronunciations/Word Substitutions

Omissions

- Hesitations (over 3 seconds)
- Reversals (words not read in the correct order)

| Larry was very excited! His father | 6 |
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| had just brought home a new puppy. Larry's | 14 |
| brother and sister were going to be very | 22 |
| surprised, too. | 24 |
| The little puppy was black and brown | 31 |
| with a few white patches. Her ears were long | 40 |
| and floppy. Her tummy nearly touched the | 47 |
| ground. Dad said this dog was a beagle. | 55 |
| Larry thought their new dog was cute. | 62 |
| He couldn't decide what he wanted to name | 71 |

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Reading Maze

Larry was very excited! His father had just brought home (<u>**a**</u>, <u>**on**</u>, <u>**is**</u>) new puppy. Larry's brother and sister (<u>**four**</u>, <u>**were**</u>, <u>**sad**</u>) going to be very surprised, too.

(<u>Run, The, Keep</u>) little puppy was black and brown (<u>with, left, money</u>) a few white patches. Her ears (<u>over, desk, were</u>) long and floppy. Her tummy nearly (<u>orange, touched, outside</u>) the ground. Dad said this dog (<u>fun, boat, was</u>) a beagle.

Larry thought their new (<u>dog, hand, ran</u>) was cute. He could not (<u>decide, stores, clock</u>) what he

How Often Should CBM Be Conducted?

- Progress Monitoring (Formative)
 - twice per week for students with disabilities
 - at least once per week for students who are at risk
 - weekly, twice monthly, or monthly for students who are average or high achieving
- Benchmarking/Screening (Summative)
 - Once per quarter for all students

Using CBM to Develop IEPs

Typical Mastery Measurement IEP

- Mastery of a series of short-term objectives
- Tests change as mastery is demonstrated
- Technical problems for quantifying progress across objectives:
 - cannot index maintenance of skills
 - unknown reliability and validity of tests
 - □ objectives are not equivalent "units"
 - IEP becomes unmanageable and does not meet intent of the law, that is, monitoring progress toward long-term goal

Sample Mastery Measurement IEP

Current Performance Level

□ Student performs at grade 3 on mathematics computation.

Goal

By year's end, student will increase performance by one grade level.

Objectives

- □ By 10/01, student will master addition with regrouping.
- □ By 12/01, student will master multiplication facts.
- By 01/15, student will master multiplication of 2-digit numbers without regrouping.

Using CBM to Write IEPs

Eliminates focus on short-term "mastery" objectives and directs attention to monitoring student progress toward long-term goal

Improves special education accountability and effectiveness

Typical CBM IEP

- Monitors student performance with respect to the year-end goal
- Tests remain the same--of equivalent difficulty
- Technical advantages for quantifying progress with CBM:
 - automatically indexes maintenance (and generalization) of skills
 - research demonstrates strong reliability and validity
 - scores are "equivalent" units so rate of progress can be determined
 - IEP is manageable and incorporates ambitious goal that stimulates better achievement

Writing IEP Goals (and Objectives) with CBM Data

Time

□ "In 30 weeks…"

Condition

"... given 25 problems representing the second grade curriculum, ..."

Learner

□ "..Jose'…"

Behavior

□ "... will write ..."

Criterion

□ "...37 correct digits in 2 minutes."

Setting Appropriate Goals

- 1. Consider normative data for typical growth rates across the year.
- 2. Consider level of performance appropriate for grade level.
- 3. CBM decision rule helps teachers know when goals should be raised. (Goals are not lowered.)

Sample IEP Statements Using CBM Mathematics Computation Data

Present Level of Performance:

□ Given 25 problems representing grade 4 curriculum, LaKeisha currently writes 20 digits correct in 3 minutes.

Goal:

In 30 weeks, given 25 problems representing grade 4 curriculum, LaKeisha will write 50 digits correct in 3 minutes. (Goal Method 1: Weekly growth rate is multiplied by number of weeks left to reach goal, and product is added to baseline. Goal Method 2: Grade-level expectations are used for mastery.)

Objective:

 Each week, given 25 problems representing grade 4 curriculum, LaKeisha will write 1 additional correct digit in 3 minutes.

Weekly Growth Rates for CBM Mathematics

| Grade | Realistic Growth Rate | Ambitious Growth Rate |
|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | .3 | .5 |
| 2 | .3 | .5 |
| 3 | .3 | .5 |
| 4 | .70 | 1.15 |
| 5 | .75 | 1.20 |
| 6 | .45 | 1 |

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Sample IEP Statements Using CBM Data for Passage Reading Fluency

Present Level of Performance:

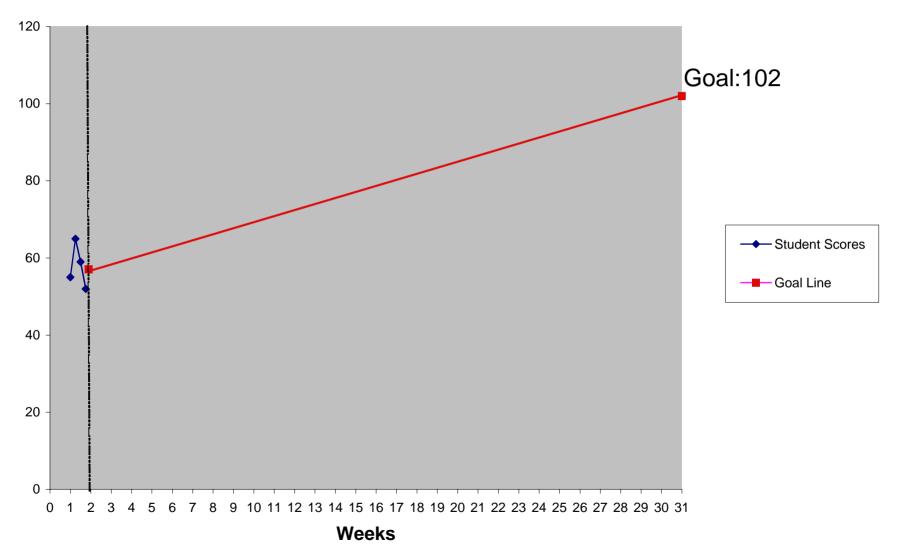
Given passages representing grade 3 material, Katy currently reads 57 words correct in 1 minute.

■ <u>Goal</u>:

In 30 weeks, given passages representing grade 3 material, Katy will read 102 words correctly in 1 minute.

Objective:

 Each week, given passages representing grade 3 material, Katy will read 1.5 additional words correctly in 1 minute. Katy



Weekly Growth Rates for CBM Passage Reading Fluency

| Grade | Realistic Growth Rates | Ambitious Growth Rate |
|-------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 2 | 1.5 | 2 |
| 3 | 1 | 1.5 |
| 4 | .85 | 1.1 |
| 5 | .5 | .8 |
| 6 | .3 | .65 |

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Using CBM to Strengthen Instructional Planning

What to Examine in CBM Data

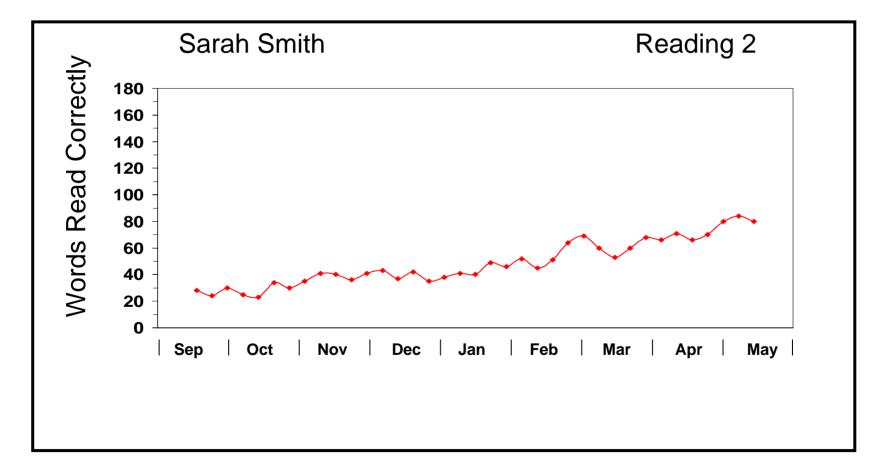
Increasing Scores:

Student is becoming a better mathematician or a better reader.

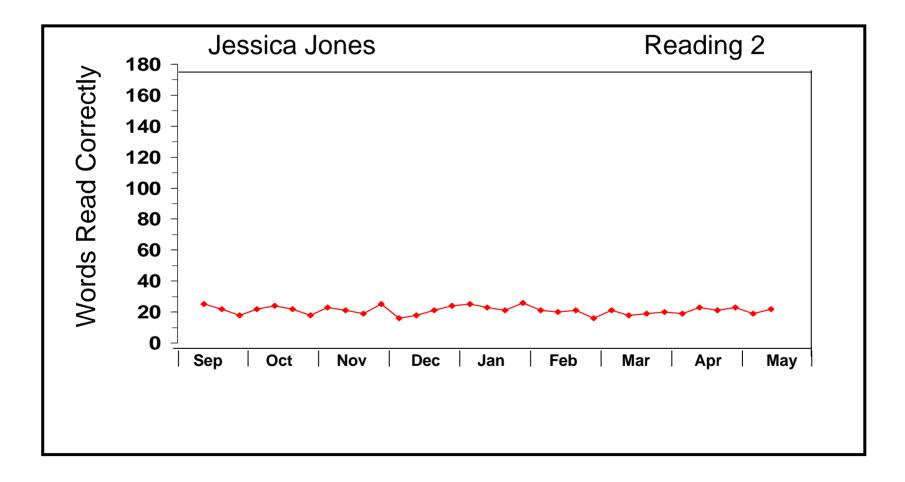
Flat/Decreasing Scores:

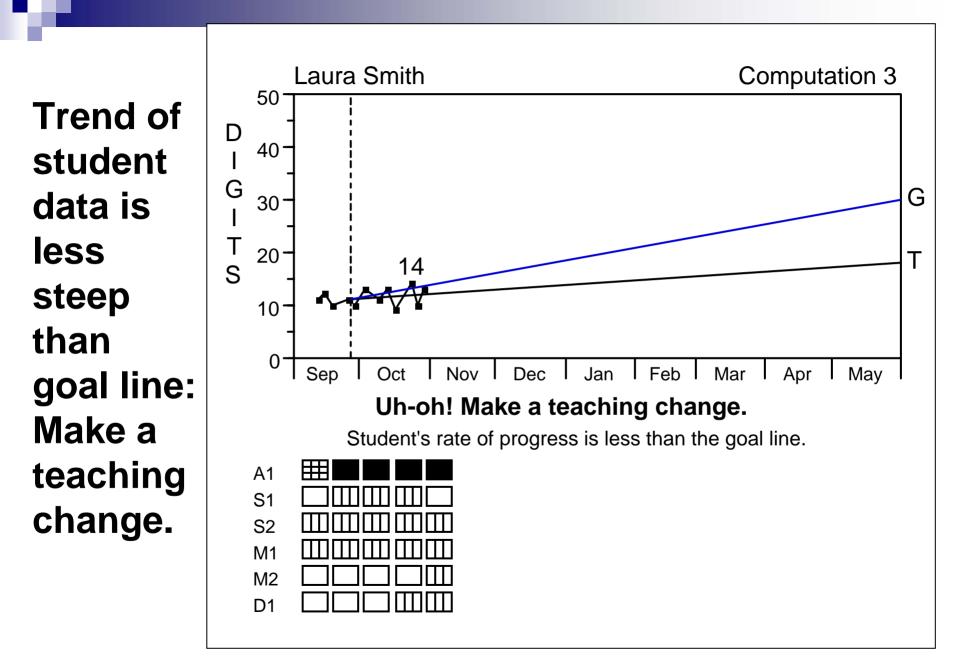
Student is not profiting from instruction and requires a change in the instructional program.

Sarah's Progress on Words Read Correctly

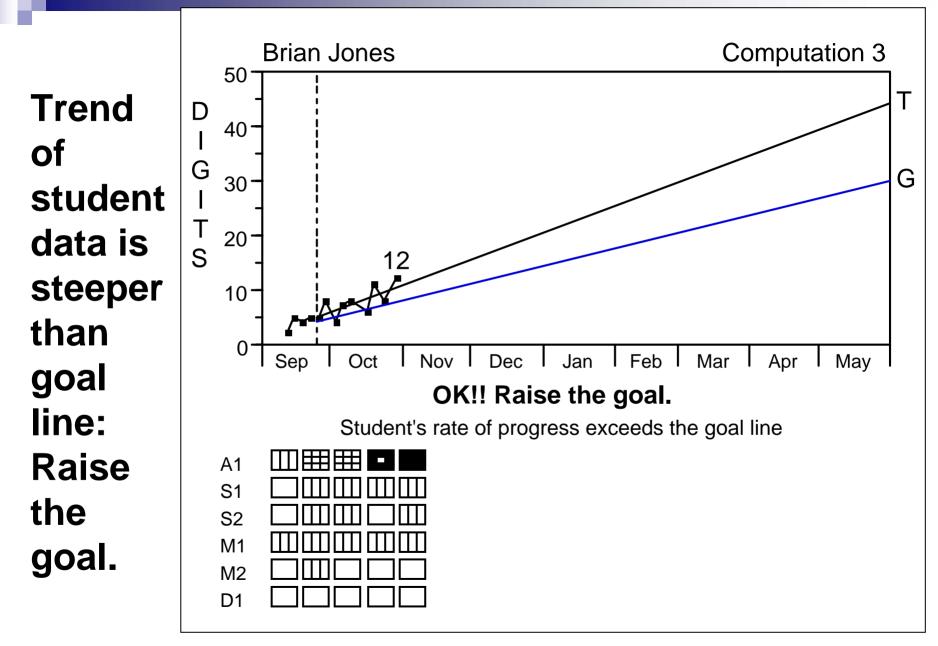


Jessica's Progress on Words Read Correctly





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4-Point Rule

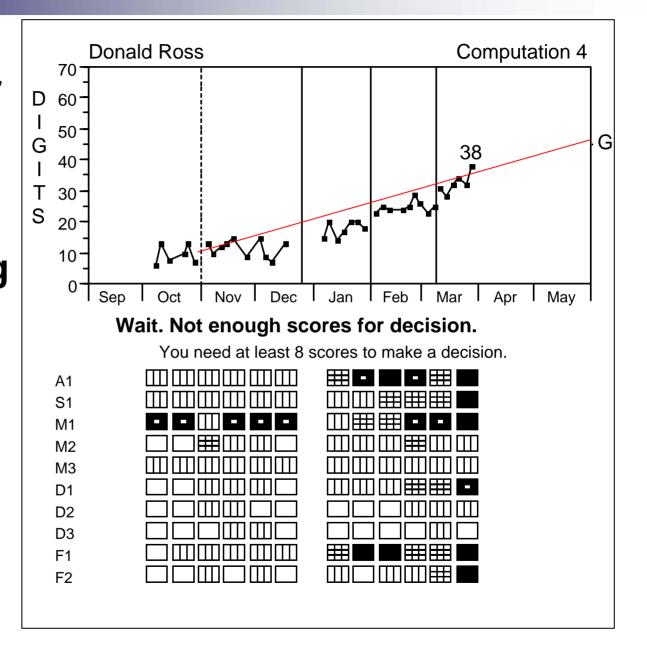
- If 3 weeks of instruction have occurred and student has at least 6 data points, examine the most recent 4 consecutive scores.
- If all 4 scores fall below the goal line, a change in instruction is recommended.
- If all 4 scores fall above the goal line, a goal raise is recommended.

Altering Instructional Programs

- Teachers may make modifications in
- Instructional procedures and/or skills
- Instructional arrangements (teacher-student ratios; peer mediation)
- Allocated time for particular lesson components
- Instructional materials
- Motivational strategies

CBM used for individual decision making and strengthening the instructional program

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CBM Feedback to Students

Motivating students to work hard

Encouraging goal-directed behavior

Questions Students Ask Themselves about CBM Graphs

- Are my scores going up?
- What's my highest score? Can I beat it in the next 2 weeks?
- What skill(s) do I want to work hard on during the next 2 weeks to try to increase my CBM score?

For group planning, the focus is on the class report.

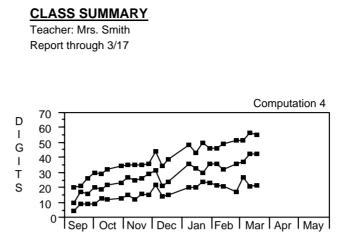
•Class graph

•Students in Bottom 25%

 Most improved across last few weeks

Instructional recommendations

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Students to Watch

Jonathan Nichols Amanda Ramirez Anthony Jones Erica Jernigan Icon

Areas of Improvement: Computation

- M1 Multiplying basic facts
- M2 Multiplying by 1 digit
- M3 Multiplying by 2 digits
- D1 Dividing basic facts

Whole Class Instruction: Computation

M3 Multiplying by 2 digits

58% of your students are either COLD or COOL on this skill.

Small Group Instruction: Computation

S1 Subtracting

Cindy Lincoln Icon Kaitlin Laird Michael Elliott

Michael Sanders

Most Improved

Icon Michael Elliott Jonathan Nichols Michael Sanders Matthew Hayes

RANKED SCORES - Computation

Teacher: Mrs. Smith Report through 3/17

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Score</u> | <u>Growth</u> |
|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Samantha Spain | 57 | +1.89 |
| Aroun Phung | 56 | +1.60 |
| Gary McKnight | 54 | +1.14 |
| Yasmine Sallee | 53 | +1.34 |
| Kathy Taylor | 53 | +1.11 |
| Jung Lee | 53 | +1.23 |
| Matthew Hayes | 51 | +1.00 |
| Emily Waters | 48 | +1.04 |
| Charles McBride | 43 | +1.12 |
| Michael Elliott | 42 | |
| Jenna Clover | 42 | +0.78 |
| Becca Jarrett | 41 | +1.14 |
| David Anderson | 38 | +0.79 |
| Cindy Lincoln | 36 | +1.04 |
| Kaitlin Laird | 35 | +0.71 |
| Victoria Dillard | 34 | +0.64 |
| Vicente Gonzalez | 29 | +0.28 |
| Adam Qualls | 26 | +0.60 |
| Michael Sanders | 25 | +0.70 |
| Jonathan Nichols | 25 | +2.57 |
| Amanda Ramirez | 23 | +0.85 |
| Anthony Jones | 19 | +0.05 |
| Erica Jernigan | | |
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Ranked Scores --Average of Last Two CBM Scores and the

<u>Slope</u> --Average Weekly Increase

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ID of students whose progress is poor compared to peers

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| <u>CLASS STATISTICS:</u> | Computation |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Coachor: Mrs. Smith | |

Teacher: Mrs. Smith Report through 3/17

Score

| Average score | 39.5 |
|-----------------------|------|
| Standard deviation | 12.6 |
| Discrepancy criterion | 26.9 |

Slope

| Average slope | +0.98 |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Standard deviation | 0.53 |
| Discrepancy criterion | +0.45 |

Students identified with dual discrepancy criterion

| | <u>Score</u> | <u>Slope</u> |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Anthony Jones | 19.0 | +0.05 |
| Erica Jernigan | 18.0 | +0.23 |

Upcoming Strand Session

■ 1:15-3:30pm

Applying Progress Monitoring to RTI Prevention and Identification

Douglas Fuchs and Lynn Fuchs

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