Making Mathematics Meaningful for Students with Learning Problems: Powerful Teaching Strategies that Work

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Agenda

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- Topic # 3: Ten Powerful Teaching Techniques
- Topic #4: Long-Term Professional Development: Introduction to MatheVIDS
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Learning Objectives

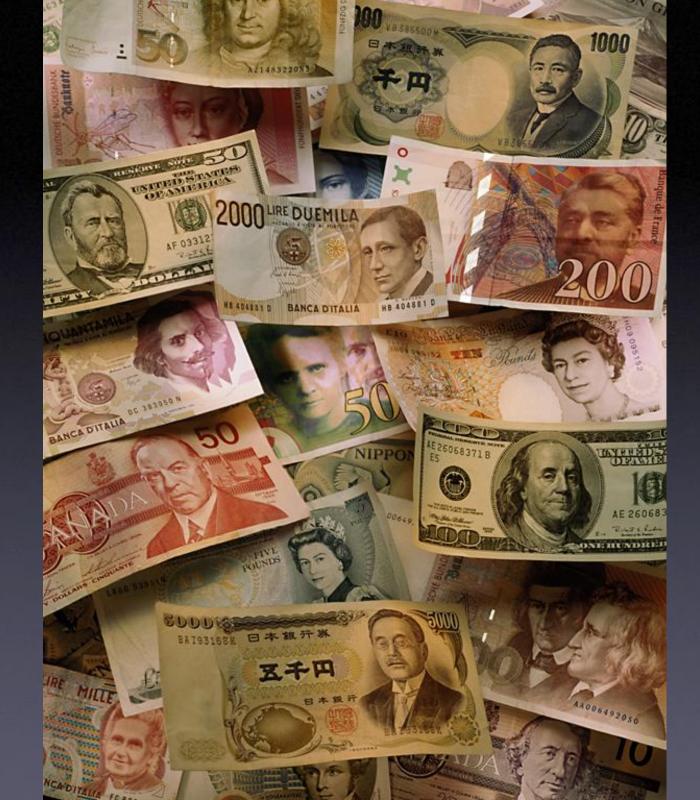
- Self-relect on beliefs and preparedness to teach mathematics to students with learning disabilities.
- Prioritize several important areas for long term professional development.
- Identify learning characteristics that make learning mathematics difficult for students with learning disabilities.
- Identify powerful/effective instructional strategies & determine how you can use at least one to improve mathematics learning for your students.
- Learn about one resource, MathVIDS, and how to use it for my personal professional development goals.

Topic #1: Importance of Meaning & Teacher Self-Reflection

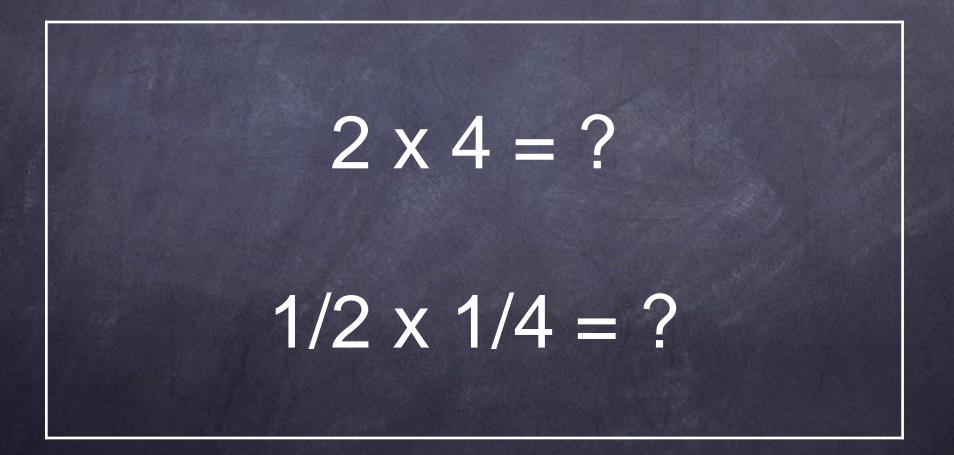
Meaning...

Why is meaning important?

Some examples



Conceptual Meaning



Can you explain your answer for each problem?

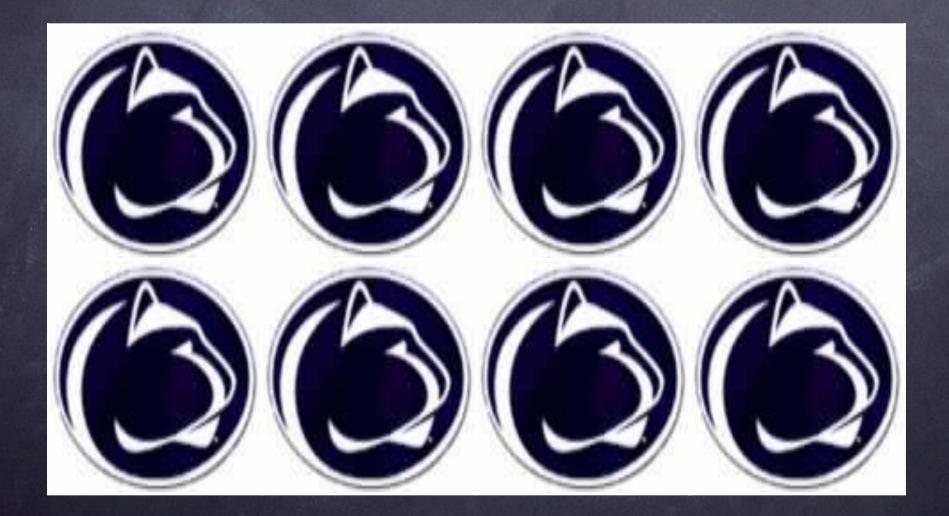
How can we enhance the meaning?

Use Language

2 x 4 = ? two groups of four Nittany Lions is how many Lions 1/2 x 1/4 = ? one-half of a one-fourth piece of pizza is how much pizza

Provide Concrete Experience

2 X 4 = ?two groups of four Nittany Lions is how many Lions



Provide Concrete Experiences1/2x1/4=?one-halfofa one-fourth piece of pizza is how much pizza



Contextual Meaning

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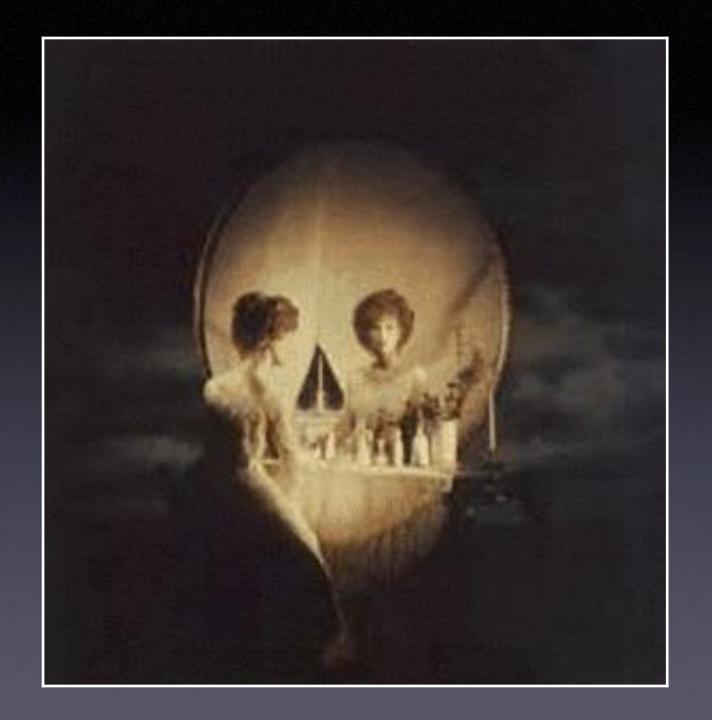
Contextual Meaning



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Meaning and Disability

Write a title for a short story you might write for the following picture...



Write Your Title

One thing I would like to remember from the learning activities for this topic is...

Topic #2: Why is it Difficult for Students with Learning Disabilities to Learn Mathematics?

Brief reflection on what learning problems feel like

 7 Learning Characteristics That Are Barriers for Learning Mathematics

Let's Take A Quiz

Informal Mathematics Teacher Competency Inventory

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7 Learning Characteristics That Create **Barriers for Learning Mathematics** Learned helplessness **Passive approach to learning** Metacognitive thinking deficits **Attention problems** Anxiety about learning mathematics Cognitive Processing deficits (auditory, visual/spatial, fine motor) Memory problems (nickname test) Low level of academic achievement (gaps) (piglatin word problem)

Let's Reflect On Our Experiences with the Math Quiz

Learned helplessness
 Passive approach to learning
 Metacognitive thinking deficits
 Attention problems
 Anxiety about learning mathematics

What is it? How does it impact learning mathematics?

Memory Problems

Storage Retrieval

Do you know the nicknames? Directions: Write these university names on a sheet of paper Penn State **D**Pittsburgh Bucknell Penn □Ohio State Michigan Mississippi State •Mississippi **-**Florida **B**Florida State **-**Furman oldaho Northern Arizona **-**Ferrum James Madison

The National College Nickname Memory Test

Using your list of school names, write the nickname for each school name given orally.

The National College Nickname Memory Test - Answers

Penn State **Pittsburgh** Bucknell **e**Penn Ohio State **Michigan Mississippi State Mississippi Florida Florida State G**Furman **d**Idaho Northern Arizona **Ferrum James Madison**

Nittany Lions **Panthers** Wolverines Bulldogs Seminoles Paladins Vandals **Panthers** Dukes

Reflection: Your Experiences

How many nicknames were you able to recall?

What either helped or inhibited your ability to recall the nicknames?

What role does memory play in doing mathematics?

Multi-step operations
Multiple meanings for a math symbol or term
Recalling formulas
Employing problem solving strategies

One thing I would like to remember from the learning activities in Topic #2 is... 🖄

Topic #3 Ten Powerful Teaching Techniques

What are they?
Key instructional features
Examples
How do they help students with learning disabilities?

10 Powerful Teaching Techniques

- 1) Support Student Connections Between New Mathematics Concepts & Prior Knowledge/Experiences
- 2) Provide Explicit Models of Target Mathematics Concepts, Skills, & Processes
- 3) Imbed Instruction and Practice in Authentic Contexts
- 4) Teach Problem Solving Strategies
- 5) Cue Important Features of a Mathematics Concept/Skill Using Multisensory Methods
- 6) Use Language Experiences to Enhance Meaning & Understanding
- 7)Ground Abstract Concepts & Processes in Concrete Experiences
- 8) Provide Students Many Opportunities to Respond
- 9) Monitor Student Learning & Provide Them Concrete Ways to Visualize Their Learning
- 10)Provide Continuous Maintenance Activities for Previously Mastered Concepts/Skills

PTT #1:

Support Student Connections Between New Mathematics Concepts & Prior Knowledge/Experiences

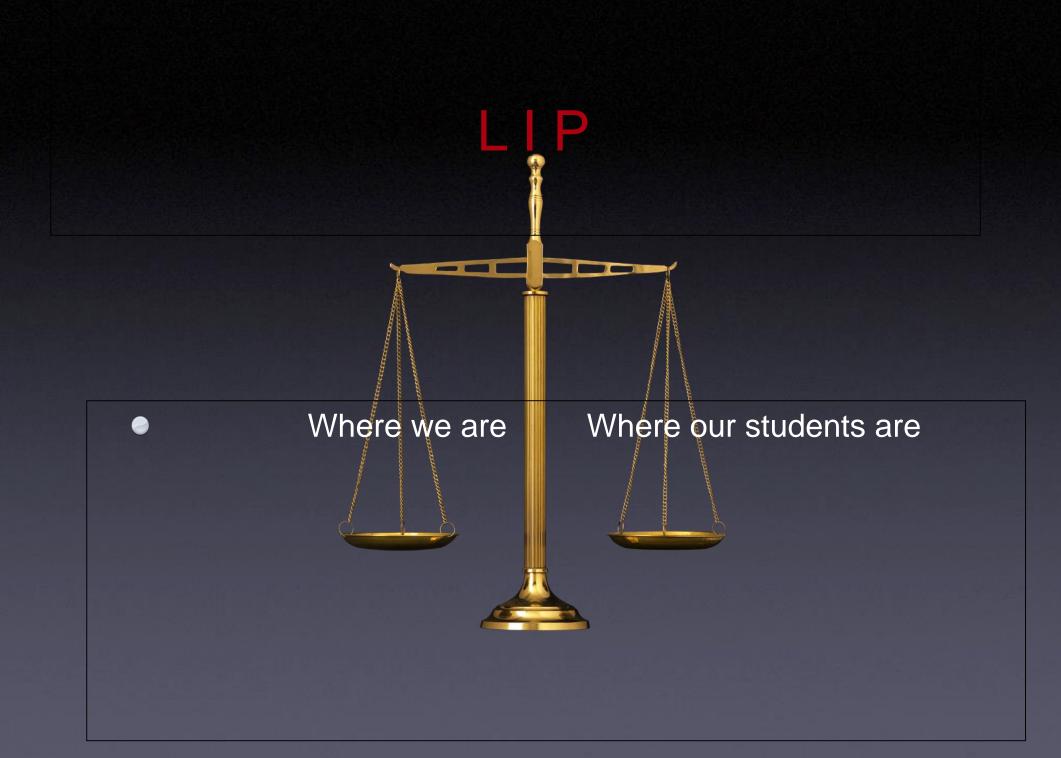


Meet Your Students Where They Are... • L - I - P

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PTT #2: Provide Explicit Models of Target Mathematics Concepts, Skills, & Processes

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Student

Mathematics Concept

"You can't hit what you can't see...

Make the mathematics concept accessible to your students by...

Student

Multiple Senses
Cue Important Information
Examples & Non-examples
Think Aloud
Engage Student Thinking

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Teacher

PTT #3: Imbed Instruction and Practice in Authentic Contexts

Age/Grade Interests/Hobbies Family/Culture

Student Interest Inventory

Student Interest Matrix (See Special Connections Website)

Student Name: Age/Grade Lev Period/Class:				
Things I Like To Do On My Own	Special Hobbies I Have	Fun Things My Family Does	Things I Like To Do With My Friends	Things I Like To Learn About

Mathematics Class Interest Matrix (see Special Connections Website)

Period/Class: School Year:		
Interests	Relevant Mathematics Concepts/Skills I Teach That Match Interest	Ideas for Creating Authentic Contexts
Individual/Peer Activities		
1.		
2.		
Family Activities		
1.		
2.		

PTT # 4: Teach Problem Solving Strategies

Students with learning disabilities do not naturally employ problem solving strategies like successful mathematics students do...

What Are They? An efficient & learnable process for:

 solving a particular type of problem
 developing conceptual understanding of important mathematics concepts

What do they include?

limited number of steps (3 to 7 steps)
accurately reflect the problem/concept
provide cueing
actions & thinking
they are taught

Strategy Examples

Mnemonic Strategies

Examples:

DRAW-operations FASTDRAW- story problems SPIES - greater than/less than ADD - adding + & - integers DRAW for Algebra - one-variable equations FASTDRAW for Algebra - algebra story problems

(See MathVIDS for these and others)

DRAW for Algebra

<u>D</u> iscover the variable
<u>R</u> ead the problem
<u>A</u> nswer the problem or draw & check
<u>W</u> rite the answer

SPIES

<u>S</u> ay the integer out loud.
<u>P</u> oint to each integer and circle negative signs.
<u>I</u> dentify whether integer is pos. or neg.
<u>E</u> valuate the magnitude of each integer.
<u>S</u> elect integer of greatest value.

<u>Rules of Value</u>

- 1) + & = positive integer is of greater value
- 2) + & + = integer farthest from zero on #line is of greatest value
- 3) & = integer closest to zero on # line is of greatest value

Example: Chart to Help Students Generate Problem-Solving Strategies

Ways We Know to Add				
Counting Up	Make a Ten	Near Doubles	Other	
Start at 8.	_	5 5	8	8
Count 9, 10, 11, 12,	₹+10	<u>+ 6</u> <u>+5</u>	<u>+ 9</u>	+10
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Example: Helping Students Think About/Monitor Their Use of Different Strategies

STRATEGY SHEET		
Paste problem here.		
I solved the problem by:		
	Counting Chips or Base Ten Materials	
	Counting Up	
	Make a Ten	
	Other Strategy	
+ =		

PPT # 5: Cue Important Features of a Mathematics Concept/Skill Using Multisensory Methods

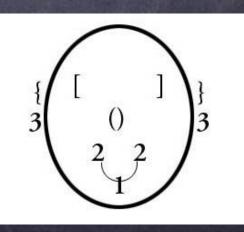
Visual Auditory Tactile (Touch) Kinesthetic (Movement) Cognitive/Thinking

Examples of Visual Cuing

color
words/language
pictures
cue sheets

1/2 =one of two equal parts

Divide ÷÷ × Multiply Subtract Bring Down



Example: Cue Sheet to Enhance A Student's Independent Practice

Goal: To solve a math problem. Checklist

You are to:

1. Write the problem at the top of the page.

- 2.
 Use a strategy to solve the problem.
 - Use pictures or words to explain your strategy.
- 3. Write your answer in the blank.
- 4. Write the items or ideas you used to solve the problem.

PPT # 6: Use Language Experiences to Enhance Meaning & Understanding

Incorporate the following language expression modalities:

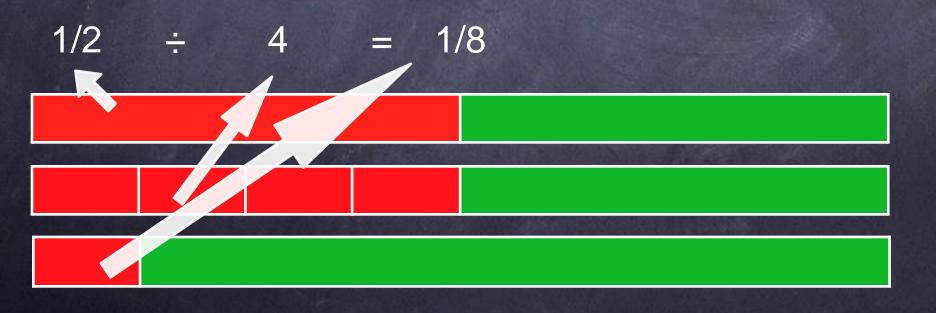
Speech Writing Drawing Acting Out/Drama Song Videotape, phoography/technology



Examples - Describe what numbers & symbols mean:

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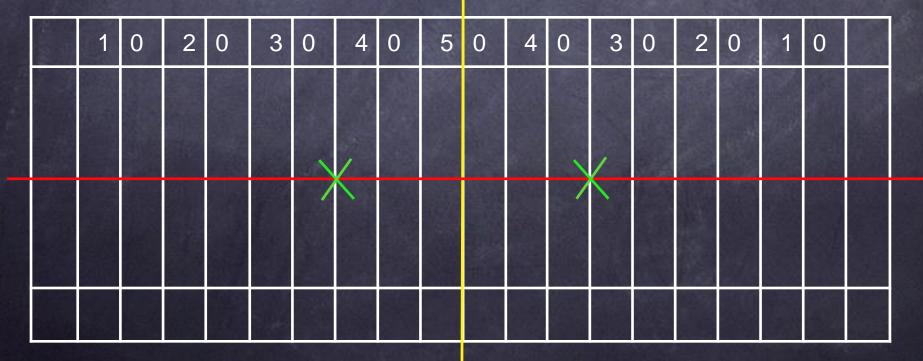
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Examples: Create Stories/Examples That Communicate Understanding Example: Intersect of x & y coordinates on a plane.

Speech/Words - The place on the football field where the Bucs kickoff.

Drawing: (x, y) where x=15 & y = 0; x=-15 & y=0



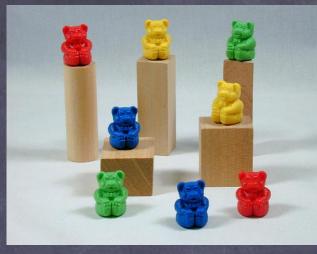
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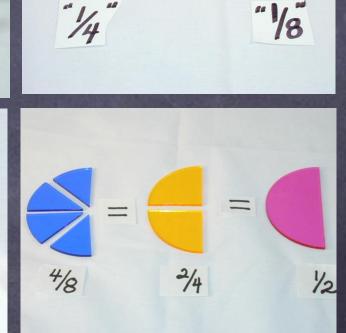
Manipulatives

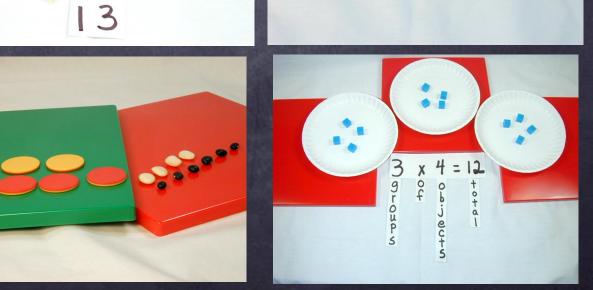
Teach Drawing Strategies

Manipulative Examples (Discrete):

- Attributes more "accessible"
- Can be "manipulated" more easily

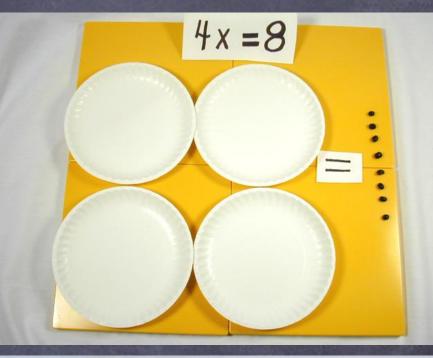


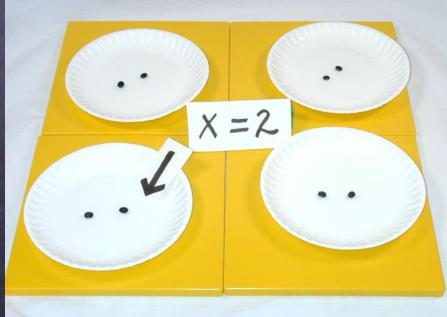


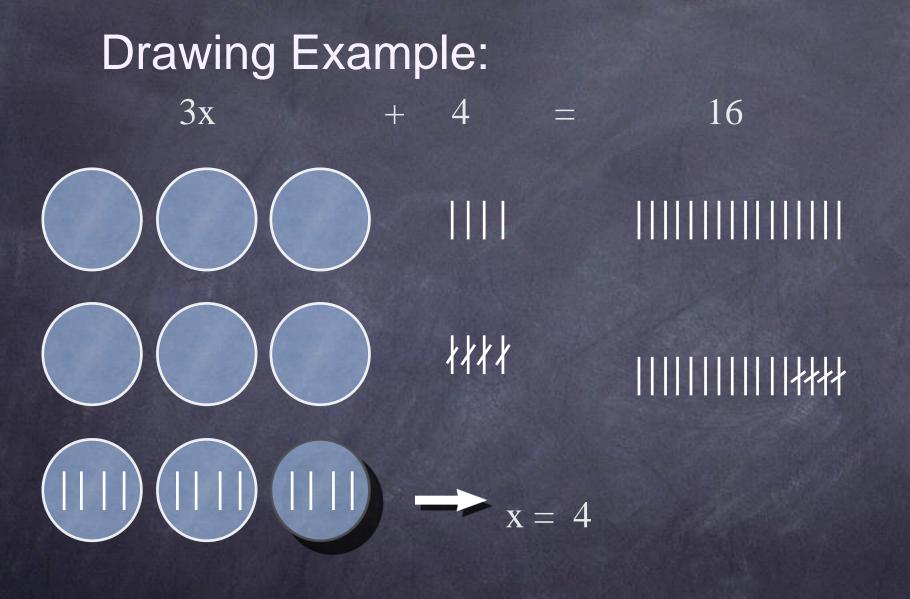


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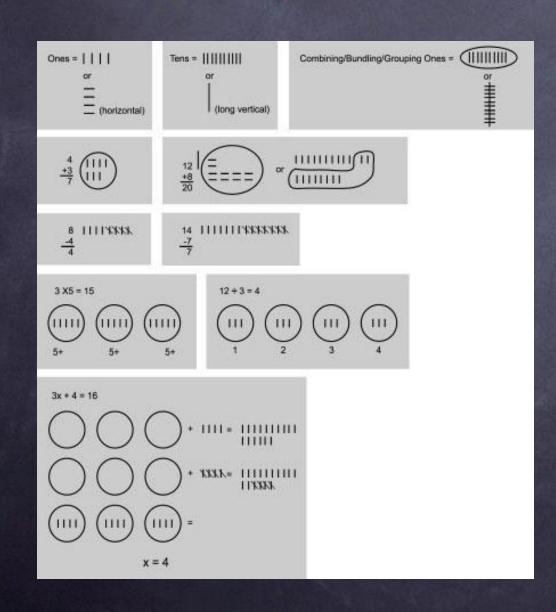
- Start with concrete experiences
- Move to drawing representations of concrete experiences

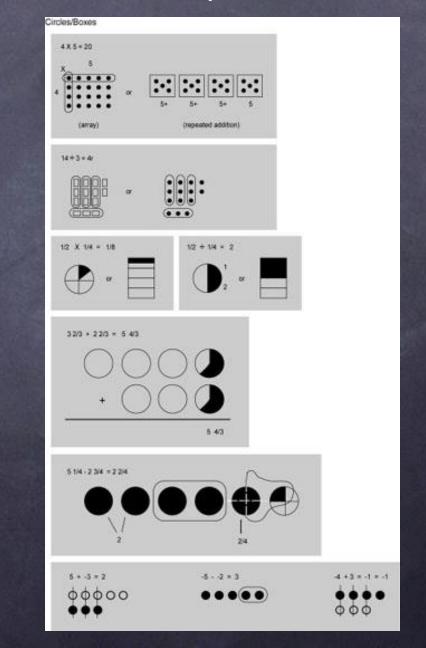






Other Drawing Examples (see MathVIDS website)





Enhancing Abstract Understanding

Reasons for Difficulty
 Lack of conceptual understanding
 Memory problems
 Organization/writing/visual processing problems

Provide Many Practice Opportunities/Link to concrete & drawing experiences! MASTERY

PTT # 8: Provide Students Many Opportunities to Respond

The more opportunities students with learning disabilities have to respond to a learning task, the more likely it is they will master that learning task...

initial acquisition advanced acquisition (Teacher Directed Instruction)

proficiency — maintenance (Student Practice)

generalization adaption (Extension)

How?

Ensure that... students have a motivational context
the practice activity focuses on the target math concept/skill
students have multiple opportunities to respond
teachers have a way to evaluate student responses

<u>Examples</u>

Instructional Games Self-correcting Materials Structured Peer-Mediated Learning Groups Structured Language Experiences Planned Discovery Experiences

Math Instructional Games/Self-Correcting Materials - A Few Ideas

Instructional Games	Self-Correcting Materials
Board Games	Flip Cards
Checker Board/Checkers	Flip Cards with Scaffolding Cues
Spinners	"Punch Hole" Cards/Folders
Dice	Puzzles
Cards	Versatiles

(See MathVIDS for more ideas)

PPT # 9: Monitor Student Learning & Provide Them Concrete Ways to Visualize Their Learning At least 2-3 times weekly Incorporate at concrete, drawing & abstract levels •Use short, easy to evaluate "probes" Pinpoint key concepts for monitoring Teach students to chart their learning •Use as a way to engage students in setting learning goals

CELEBRATE SUCCESS!!

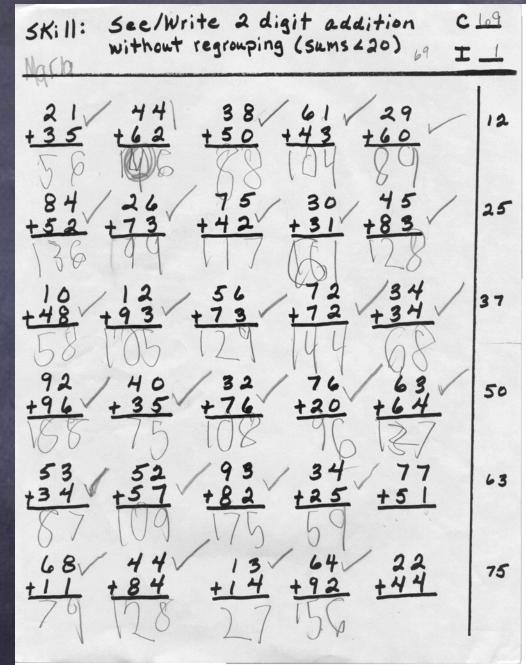
How?

Level of Understanding	Method	Criterion
Abstract	1-2 minute timings	Fluency (Rate & Accuracy
Drawing	8-10 tasks	Accuracy 90-100% 3 times
Concrete	3 tasks	Accuracy 100% 3 times

Abstract Level

Probe/Curriculum Slice

Examples



Visual Display

"corrects"

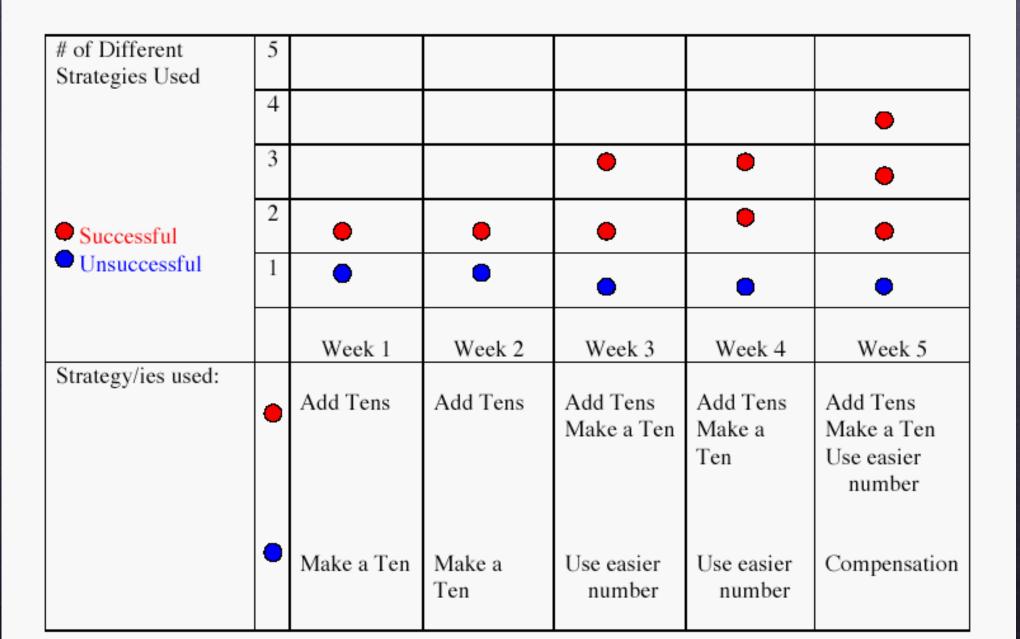
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What does this <u>learning</u> picture show?



Learning Picture Example: Student Use of Strategies

Name: Carlos Concept/Skill: Two-Digit Addition Strategies



PTT # 10: Provide Continuous Maintenance Activities for Previously Mastered Concepts/Skills

Purposefully plan maintenance opportunities

- Emphasize foundational concepts for the mathematics curriculum you teach
- Make sure target maintenance concepts are ones students have previously mastered
- Vary the type of activities
- Avoid "drill & practice"

Include students in developing ideas for maintenance activities

- Engage students in "talking/writing/drawing" about target maintenance concepts

One thing I would like to remember from the learning activities in Topic #3 is ... 🖾

Topic #4 Long-term Professional Development Resources



http://coe.jmu.edu/mathvidsr



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http://coe.jmu.edu/learnngtoolbox



Connecting reachers to strategies that help students with special needs successfully access the general education curriculum

http://www.specialconnections.ku.edu/cgi-bin/cgiwrap/specconn/index.php

Topic#5: Questions/Discussion

