



Math Minutes Memo

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Assessment news:

Measured Progress has been secured for Spring EOI and OCCT testing. Hopefully more information will be coming soon as to the format of the assessments. I'll keep you posted.

Resources: Our teachers are hard at work creating great learning experiences for our kids. The following are a few of the resources that have been recommended.

Lesson Planning:

- Inside Mathematics, <http://www.insidemathematics.org/#>, has a collection of lesson resources and performance assessment tasks to choose from that your math teams could incorporate into your instruction.
- The K20 Center has provided a group of different instructional strategies to fit different approaches to learning. Check them out at <http://k20center.ou.edu/instructional-strategies>.
- STEM Centers SC, <http://www.s2temsc.org/strategy-warehouse.html>, provides mathematics lessons that utilize different instructional strategies to fit all content areas.
- MARS (Mathematics Assessment Resource Service) has a section devoted to **formative assessment lessons** for grades 6 through 12 that incorporate learning standards and identify learning goals for different areas of content. Check the website, <http://map.mathshell.org/materials/lessons.php?taskid=430&subpage=concept>, to find a resource that best fits your needs.

Homework Help:

Math Papa, <http://www.mathpapa.com/calc.html>, is a site that offers homework assistance for students. It supplies graphs as well as step-by-step instructions on how to reach a solution.

Announcements

Grant Opportunity:

AEP offers a classroom grant that awards from \$100 to \$500 through the Teacher Vision Grant. The deadline is **February 27th** and you can get additional information at:

<http://www.aep.com/community/TeachersAndStudents/TeacherVisionGrants.aspx>.

Technology: We have teachers sharing tech-savvy tools for both teachers and students to use in the classroom. The Freshman Academy shared information on paperless quiz options:

- Through Google forms which could be a great tool for quick formative assessments among your departments. Check it out here:
<http://schoolipads.com/2013/12/09/paperless-quizzes-using-google-forms-that-grade-themselves/>
- QuickKey is similar to Plickers that also offers fast and easy formative assessment options for instant results. Explore the options here:
<http://get.quickkeyapp.com>

