



# Unlocking the Secrets: The Ultimate Administrator Toolkit for Transforming Math Classrooms!

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# AGENDA



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- Principal Classroom Observation Checklist
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# Rationale and Purpose

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*Research indicates that a school changes when leadership leads that change and your influence has the power to transform classrooms and inspire lasting change.*



One of the most important areas where this transformation can occur is in the way math is taught.

We know that effective math instruction can unlock students' potential, foster critical thinking, and open doors to countless opportunities.

# Inspiring Change in Math Instruction

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In your role, you have the unique opportunity to lead this transformative effort. By leveraging the resource designed specifically for leadership, you can guide your teachers through this shift, creating a powerful, lasting impact on the way math is taught and experienced in your school.

Let's take this journey together, inspiring both teachers and students to reach new heights in their mathematical understanding.

***Together, we can make a change that truly matters.***



**Effective** math instruction begins when educators have high expectations of students and believe that all students have the potential to learn and do math. It uses **culturally relevant practices** and **differentiated learning experiences** to meet individual students' learning needs. It focuses on the development of **conceptual understanding and procedural fluency, skill development, communication, and problem-solving skills**. And it involves educators choosing from and using a variety of **high-impact instructional practices**.

(Hattie, 2009; National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, 2014).

# Purpose

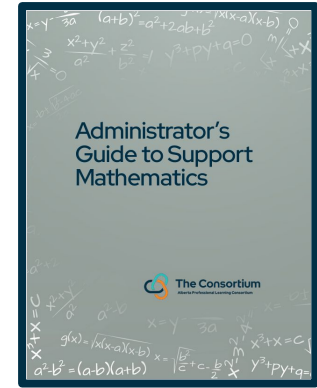
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This guide is conceived as a resource for principals, and other school leaders, who have identified math as an area for development based on evaluation feedback or the challenges they have diagnosed at their school.

It has been specifically designed to help guide change—empowering leadership to support and encourage teachers as they make shifts in their math teaching practices.



Designed to provide school administrators with guidance and ideas on ways to build a strong math culture that supports equity for all students, while encouraging positive attitudes towards mathematics.



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# Math vs. Numeracy

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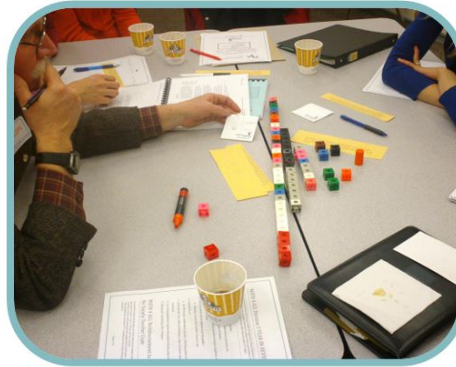
Mathematics is a universal language that uses symbols and procedures to communicate ideas and solve real-life problems.

*Numeracy involves acquiring and applying the mathematical knowledge and skills needed to engage with quantitative and spatial information in a variety of situations.* (Ab Ed 2022)

Numeracy is embedded in learning experiences across all subject areas.



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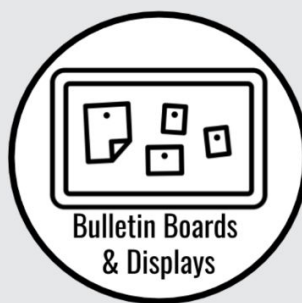
# K-12 Numeracy Guiding Document

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# Creating Numeracy Rich Environments in Schools

Creating a numeracy rich environment involves a variety of strategies. One important strategy is making numeracy visible throughout the school. This resource is designed to provide ways to bring numeracy alive. The goal for all teachers is to make explicit connections to numeracy throughout the day, across subject areas, inside and outside of the classroom. Making a shift could be as simple as adding some explanations or numeracy connections to enhance our eye-catching visuals, but there is so much more we can do.





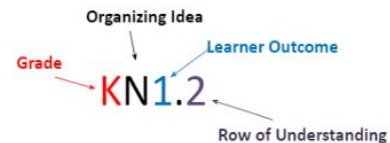
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# Math Vocabulary

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“Students may excel in computation, but their ability to apply their skills will suffer if they do not understand the math vocabulary used in instructions and story problems.” (Bruun, Diaz, Dykes 2015)





	Kindergarten			Grade 1			Grade 2		
<b>Organizing Idea</b>	Number: Quantity is measured with numbers that enable counting, labelling, comparing, and operating.								
<b>Guiding Question</b>	How can quantity contribute meaning to daily life?			How can quantity be communicated?			How can quantity contribute to a sense of number?		
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	KN1.1 Children <u>investigate</u> quantities to 10.			1N1.1 Students <u>interpret</u> and <u>explain</u> quantities to 100.			2N 1.1 Students <u>analyze</u> quantity to 1000.		
	Knowledge	Understanding	Skills & Procedures	Knowledge	Understanding	Skills & Procedures	Knowledge	Understanding	Skills & Procedures
	<p><u>Quantity</u> can be represented using</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>object</li> <li>pictures</li> <li>words</li> <li>numerals</li> </ul>	Quantity can be the number of objects in a <u>set</u> .	<p><u>Recognize</u> a number of familiar objects as a quantity.</p> <p><u>Represent</u> a quantity in different ways.</p> <p><u>Relate</u> a numeral to a specific quantity.</p>	<p>A <u>numeral</u> is a <u>symbol</u> or group of symbols used to represent a number.</p> <p>The absence of <u>quantity</u> is represented by 0.</p>	Quantity is expressed in words and numerals based on <u>patterns</u> . <p><u>Quantity</u> in the world is represented in multiple ways.</p>	<p><u>Represent</u> quantities using words, numerals, <u>objects</u>, or pictures.</p> <p><u>Identify</u> a quantity of 0 in familiar situations.</p>	<p>Any number of objects in a set can be represented by a <u>natural number</u>.</p> <p>The <u>values</u> of the places in a four-<u>digit</u> natural number are thousands, hundreds, tens, and ones.</p> <p>Places that have no value within a given number use zero as a placeholder.</p> <p>The number line is a spatial representation of quantity.</p>	<p>There are <u>infinitely</u> many natural numbers.</p> <p>Every digit in a natural number has a value based on its place.</p> <p>Each natural number is associated with exactly one point on the number line.</p>	<p><u>Represent</u> quantities using words and natural numbers.</p> <p><u>Identify</u> the digits representing thousands, hundreds, tens, and ones based on place in a natural number.</p> <p><u>Relate</u> a number, including zero, to its position on the number line.</p>

This resource has been created to support teachers in accessing terminology associated with the new Mathematics Curriculum. This document is a living document and will continue to be enhanced with additional links overtime.





## Glossary for Student Action Verbs ~ Alberta's K-3 Math Curriculum

This interactive glossary and associated resources were developed to help provide clarification, context and support for teaching of the verbs in Alberta Education's K-3 Math Curriculum (2022).

Grades found as LO	Grades found within Ss & Ps	Verb	Definition *Indicates that there is a hyperlinked toolkit.
K		<a href="#">create</a> *	To use knowledge, reasoning and understanding to put elements together to form a new pattern, structure, or idea.
	1, 2	<a href="#">decompose</a>	To take apart or separate.
K, 1, 2, 3		<a href="#">describe</a> *	To communicate (orally or in writing) qualities, attributes, details and/or features of something.
	1, 2, 3	<a href="#">determine</a> *	To find an answer using a reasonable strategy, procedure, and/or calculation.
	3	<a href="#">differentiate</a>	To understand and identify the differences between.
	3	<a href="#">divide</a>	To separate a total (quotient) into equal groups to determine the number of groups or how many are in each group.
	2, 3	<a href="#">estimate</a> *	To come close, or be similar to, a number, calculation, quantity, or measurement.
1	3	<a href="#">examine</a> *	To carefully and in detail consider the nature and characteristics of something to find out more about it.
1, 2, 3	2, 3	<a href="#">explain</a> *	To describe the how or why of something; give the cause or reason for.
K		<a href="#">explore</a> *	To consider an idea or concept in detail, both closely and broadly.
	1, 2, 3	<a href="#">express</a> *	To convey knowledge and understanding.



## Glossary for Student Action Verbs ~ Alberta's 4-6 Math Curriculum

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Grades found as LO	Grades found within Ss & Ps	Verb	Definition *Indicates that there is a hyperlinked toolkit.
4, 5, 6	4, 5, 6	<a href="#">add</a>	To combine two or more addends (numbers/qualities) together to get a sum.
4, 5, 6	6	<a href="#">analyze</a> *	To consider in detail in order to find meaning and determine relationships, patterns, similarities, differences, etc.
4, 6	4, 5	<a href="#">apply</a> *	To use (mathematical knowledge).
	4, 5, 6	<a href="#">assess</a>	To determine (or decide) something after consideration.
5		<a href="#">calculate</a>	To determine (the amount or number of something) mathematically.
	5	<a href="#">categorize</a>	To assign to a category.
	4, 5	<a href="#">classify</a>	To arrange into groups based on one or more attributes or properties.
	6	<a href="#">collect</a>	To gather data and/or information, etc., from people or sources.
4		<a href="#">communicate</a>	To convey knowledge and understanding to another.
	4, 5, 6	<a href="#">compare</a>	To consider the qualities of two or more things or sets, in order to discover similarities or differences.
	6	<a href="#">compose</a>	To form, combine, or put together.
	4, 6	<a href="#">convert</a>	To change a value or expression from one form to another.
	5	<a href="#">count</a>	To name the numbers in a stable order and/or determine a quantity.



# Defining the Student/Action Verbs within the Alberta Context

# Resource Packages for K-3 and 4-6

## MODEL

view toolkit

To represent a concept or situation in a concrete, pictorial, or symbolic way.

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### K-3 Resources to Support the Teaching and Learning of Math Verbs

← Return to Math

Resources to Support the Teaching and Learning of Math Verbs (K-3 Curriculum 2022)

**About this Resource**  
This resource was developed by ARPCD team members to provide clarification and support for teaching of the verbs specific to the context of Alberta's K-3 Math Curriculum (2022).

Fixes and updates were applied on July 31, 2024.

**Download Resource Files**

- Learning Guide
- Complete Package (All Materials in Single PDF)
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## JUSTIFY

To use relevant reasons and evidence to indicate why a conclusion has been made.

Which is the best unit to measure the area of Albert's? Choose one and explain your thinking.

- a) square metres
- b) square kilometres
- c) square centimetres

I think the best one is b, because...

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## INTERPRET

To use reasoning and knowledge to make sense of, and draw meaning from, a text, set of data, visual, graph, etc.

Interpreting requires students to draw conclusions from, and/or explain the meaning of, given information. It involves identifying the key features of the information, recognizing connections, patterns, similarities and/or differences and then expressing understanding in their own words. Interpreting is a comprehensive process in which students have multiple opportunities over time to work within the specific grade level context of the verb in the curriculum.

The table below shows where **interpret** is included as student action within Alberta's 4-6 Math curriculum.

Grade Level	Learning Outcomes	Skills & Procedures
Grade 4	Students interpret percentages. Students interpret and express area. Students interpret and explain arithmetic and geometric sequences.	Interpret data represented in various graphs.
Grade 5	Students interpret improper fractions. Students interpret numerical and algebraic expressions.	
Grade 6	Students interpret the multiplication of natural numbers by fractions. Students interpret and express volume.	Interpret frequency of categorized data in relative frequency.

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To best support learners, student action verbs should be explicitly taught, modeled and practiced through multiple experiences. The illustrative examples can provide clarification about how student understanding might be developed. It is important to reference the curriculum to view the entire context of the Learning Outcome and related K15SP5.

**Illustrative Examples**

**Learning Outcome 6N7:** Students interpret the multiplication of natural numbers by fractions.

There are many sites noted in the resources and references section below such as with video explanation, review lessons and practice for students to interpret.

**Example 1:** This example, from [OJ](#), involves students interpreting the visual of a number line showing repeated addition to solve the multiplication equation.

**Example 2:** Provide students with multiple visual choices to answer a question. This requires students to interpret each option to determine the correct one. They should represent and/or explain how they determined their choice was correct. This example comes from [MathSight](#).

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Decimal	Words	Fraction
0.1	1 tenth	$\frac{1}{10}$
0.01	1 hundredth	$\frac{1}{100}$
0.001	1 thousandth	$\frac{1}{1000}$



Decimal	Words	Fraction
0.2	2 tenths	$\frac{2}{10}$
0.35	35 hundredths	$\frac{35}{100}$
0.048	48 thousandths	$\frac{48}{1000}$





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# Fluency vs. Automaticity

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**Automaticity is based on memorization of basic facts, but how useful is that?**

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**“Procedural fluency is the ability to apply procedures efficiently, flexibly, and accurately; to transfer procedures to different problems and contexts;**

**to build or modify procedures from other procedures;**

**and to recognize when one strategy or procedure is more appropriate to apply than another “**

Procedural Fluency in Mathematics  
(NCTM 2014, 2020; National Research Council 2001, 2005, 2012; Star 2005)

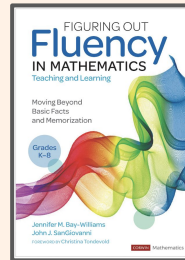


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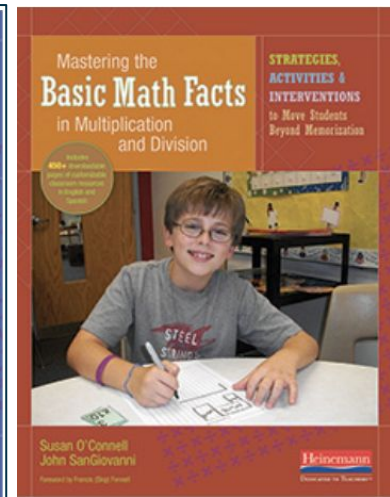
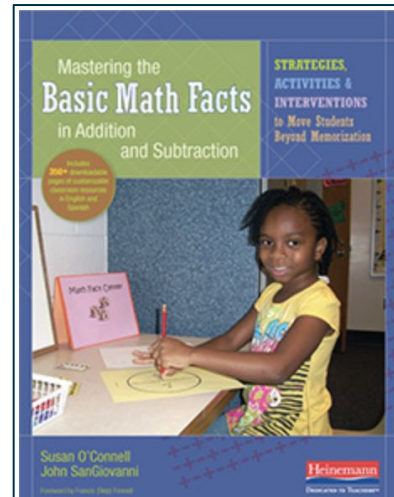
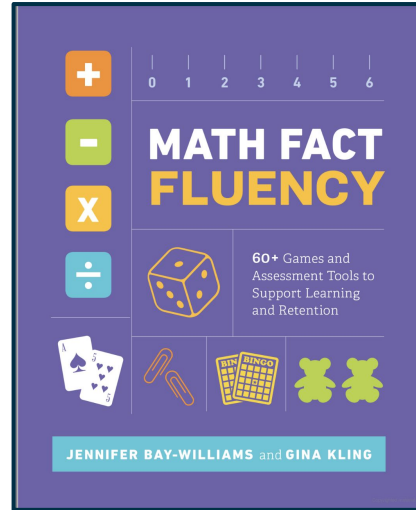
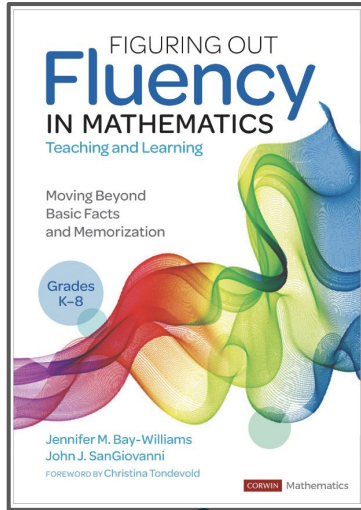
*“The ability to select efficient strategies, to adapt, modify, or change out strategies, and to find solutions with accuracy.*

*Real Fluency is not the act of replicating someone else’s steps or procedures for doing mathematics.*

*It is the act of thinking, reasoning, and doing math on one’s own.”*



# Great Books to Support Building Fluency



# Great videos for building strategies



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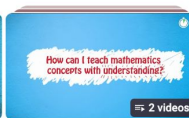
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# A Mathematically Rich School

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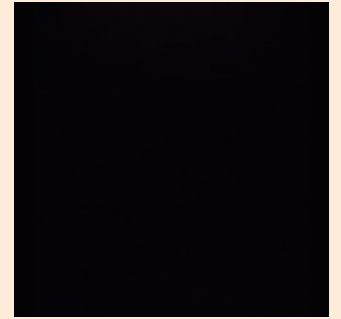
# Categories for Building a Mathematically Rich School

Reflecting on a Mathematically Rich School	
Equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supportive relationships between students, teachers and the school community</li><li>• Recognizing that we do not all start from the same place and must acknowledge and make adjustments to imbalances.</li><li>• Achievement cannot be predicted by students' racial, ethnic, linguistic, gender, and socioeconomic backgrounds.</li><li>• All students can learn math and have access to the tools and resources they need</li></ul>
Learning Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Math learning is visible throughout the school</li><li>• Welcoming and inclusive</li><li>• Student voice and choice are evident</li><li>• Resources, manipulatives and visuals are incorporated</li></ul>
Teaching and Assessment Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Knowledge of and attention to Alberta curriculum</li><li>• Supports the development of <b>competencies</b>, <b>literacy</b> and <b>numeracy</b></li><li>• Emphasis on vocabulary and fluency</li><li>• Math is approached with a holistic view of the student</li><li>• Differentiation of instruction and assessment</li><li>• Ongoing assessment</li></ul>

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# Principal Classroom Observation Checklist



# Remember....

- The Observation Checklist is meant to provide options for growth and to “start the conversation”.
- Choose an area to focus on as a school staff, not the entire document.
- Incorporate into school growth/education plans,
- Share with staff and talk about strengths and areas of growth, as a school or as a teacher.



Note: This observation checklist is meant to provide options for growth, with the idea of focusing on selected components within a category. Ideally, the selected components will align with your school's education plan.

### Principal Classroom Observation and Conversation Guide

#### EQUITY

Questions to Consider	Look Fors	Conversation Starters
How are supportive relationships between students and the teacher being fostered during math class regardless of students' racial, ethnic, linguistic, gender and socioeconomic background?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All students feel safe, welcome and comfortable in the classroom.</li> <li>Safe space for taking mathematical risks</li> <li>Help students share, honor, listen and critique each other's ideas.</li> <li>Help students consider and discuss each other's thinking.</li> <li>Highlights mathematical thinking and values mistakes.</li> </ul>	How do you intentionally create a community of trust in your classrooms?
How are learners meaningfully engaged and respected?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The environment honors cultures, languages and world views.</li> <li>Students are provided with a meaningful connection to their learning.</li> <li>Additional resources and supports are provided for a student where needed.</li> <li>Uses tasks that arise from home, community, and society.</li> </ul>	How do you encourage students to show their unique perspectives?  Do you feel that your students are comfortable giving unusual responses? How might you encourage it more?
How are students showing that they believe that everyone can learn and do math	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High expectations for all students</li> <li>Willing to engage in collaborative learning</li> <li>Accommodating differences of their peers</li> <li>Open-ended teaching/learning strategies</li> <li>Students' embrace challenges and struggles.</li> </ul>	Take a moment and reflect: What are your own personal biases about students learning math?  Do you believe that achievement cannot be predicted by students' racial, ethnic, linguistic, gender, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

#### LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Questions to Consider and Look Fors	Look Fors	Conversation Starters
How is learning visible in the classroom?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student made anchor charts</li> <li>Math walls with student work</li> <li>Visible surfaces</li> <li>Visuals that demonstrate mathematical thinking</li> <li>Using manipulatives to foster deeper understanding</li> <li>Encourage multiple solution pathways</li> <li>Choose tasks with multiple entry points</li> </ul>	How are some of the ways that you make math visible in your classroom?  In your classroom I see _____ (student work, or vocabulary, or anchor charts), can you tell me how students see these resources?
How are indigenous perspectives effectively and authentically embedded in math classes as per the curriculum?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Curricular outcomes related to Indigenous perspectives are taught and modeled</li> <li>Indigenous math literature is evident</li> <li>Cross-curricular learning</li> <li>Students are given opportunities to engage in activities involving Indigenous themes and topics</li> </ul>	What are some examples of how you have embedded Indigenous perspectives in your math classroom?
What evidence is there of classroom routines that contribute to positive classroom culture?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Norms and routines are well established</li> <li>Students are engaged in the math</li> <li>Maintaining and deepening prior skills and knowledge</li> <li>Incorporating games and play in mathematics</li> <li>Providing ongoing assessment information for the student and teacher.</li> <li>Students show their thinking and are willing to discuss</li> <li>Students and teacher look forward to math time</li> </ul>	What norms (for interactions, lesson structures, task structure, particular resources, etc.) might expand students' access to meaningful participation?  How/When do students have the opportunity to share, discuss, and explain their varied strategies, and justify their solutions?
How is the teacher communicating and supporting families in math and numeracy?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class newsletter with links</li> <li>Sharing math games to play at home</li> <li>Hosting Family Math night</li> <li>Sharing student learning with feedback</li> </ul>	How do you support and communicate with the parents/caregivers regarding math instruction and support for their children?

#### TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT PRACTICES

Questions for Consideration and Look Fors	Notes	Conversation Starters
Does the teacher show evidence that they plan, teach and assess utilizing the Alberta curriculum and ensure that students have access to the learning goals for each lesson?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Goals are appropriate, challenging, and attainable.</li> <li>Goals are specific to the lesson and visible to students.</li> <li>Goals connect to other mathematics.</li> <li>Goals are revisited throughout the lesson.</li> <li>Students understand the math action verbs.</li> </ul>	How and when do you communicate the goal of <u>the learning</u> to the students?  How do you know that students understand the goal of <u>the learning</u> ?  How do you incorporate <u>the math</u> action verbs into your lesson plans?
Supports the development of <u>competencies, literacy, and numeracy</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>work with a partner or small group</li> <li>stick with a challenging problem</li> <li>represent and communicate their thinking</li> <li>use manipulatives</li> <li>work independently</li> <li>solve problems and reason logically</li> <li>listen actively</li> <li>give and receive feedback</li> </ul>	Please choose one of the related bullets and describe how you support students in knowing what it "looks like, sounds like and feels like".  During the observation today I saw students _____ (one of the bullets). How do you support students in knowing what it "looks like, sounds like and feels like"?  What exists that helps students justify their thinking rather than explain their answer?

# Remember...



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WON THAT RACE! 😂



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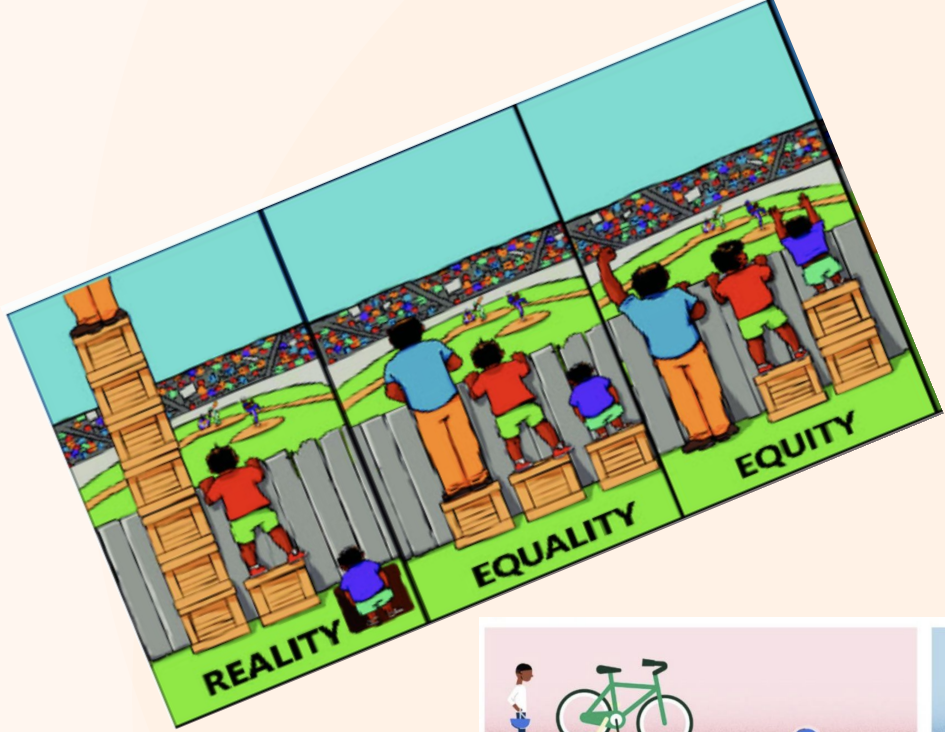
# Promoting Equity

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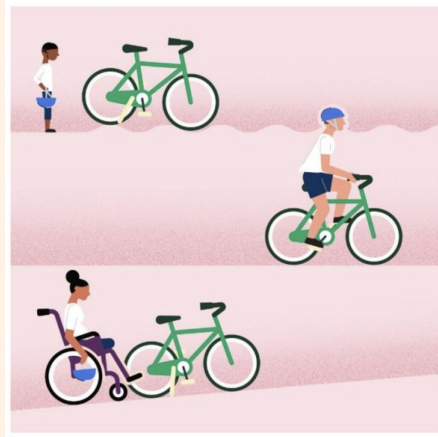


**Is Equity the same as Equality?**





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***Equality*** is treating everyone the same. Everyone gets the same regardless if it is needed or right for them.

***Equity*** is taking differences into account so that everyone has a chance to succeed, understanding the barriers, circumstances or conditions.

Achievement cannot be predicted by students' racial, ethnic, linguistic, gender, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

All students can learn math and must have access to the tools and resources they need.



## **Equity should be focused on:**

- Relationships
- Respect
- Belief that all children can learn math
- Mathematical Mindsets
- Access to support needed



# Breaking through Biases and Beliefs to create Equitable Classrooms

- Acknowledge and Reflect on your own Biases
- Commit to Lifelong Learning
- Examine your expectations and Practices
- Build Relationships based on trust and respect
- Create a Culturally Responsive Classroom
- Confront Microaggressions and Discrimination
- HOLD YOURSELF ACCOUNTABLE



# Equity

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# Learning Environment



“It should be obvious upon entering the room that mathematics is being taught and numeracy valued.” (Laney Sammons)

## Learning Environments should focus on:


- Visible Learning
- Indigenous Perspectives
- Classroom Routines
- Communication with families
- Mathematical Discourse
- Productive Struggle
- Using Manipulatives



# Classrooms Foster Mathematical Growth Mindsets



In this class.....



We all have different starting points.

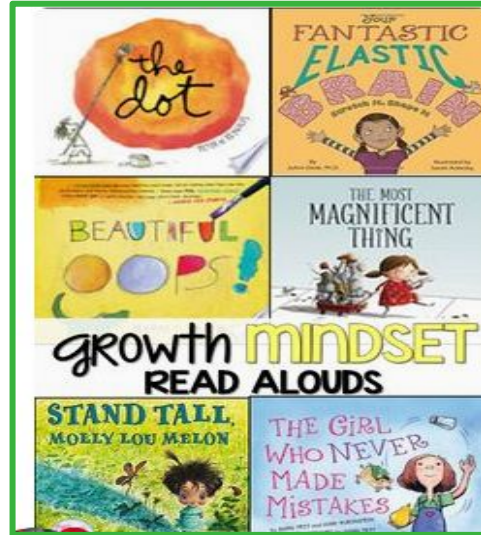
We can all learn from one another.

We can all make progress.

We will value our mistakes because we can learn from them.

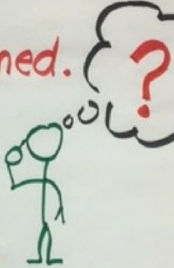
We will choose tasks that challenge us because this is how we develop our skills and understanding.

We will keep trying even when we are finding a task difficult because this is how we make progress.

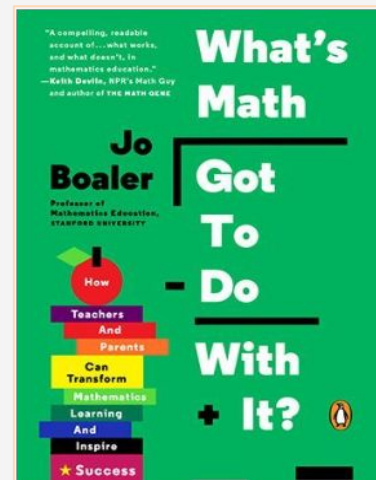
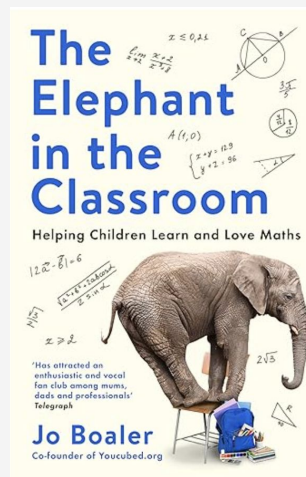
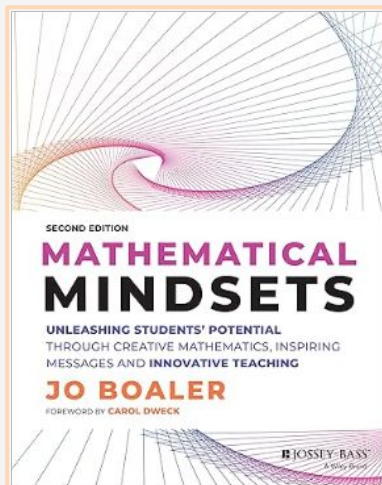


How did you grow as a Mathematician today?

1. Describe a new strategy you learned.
2. Tell a math word you learned and what it means.
3. Describe a mistake you made and what you learned from it.
4. Explain how you challenged yourself today.
5. Tell about something you noticed today and how it helped you solve a math problem.

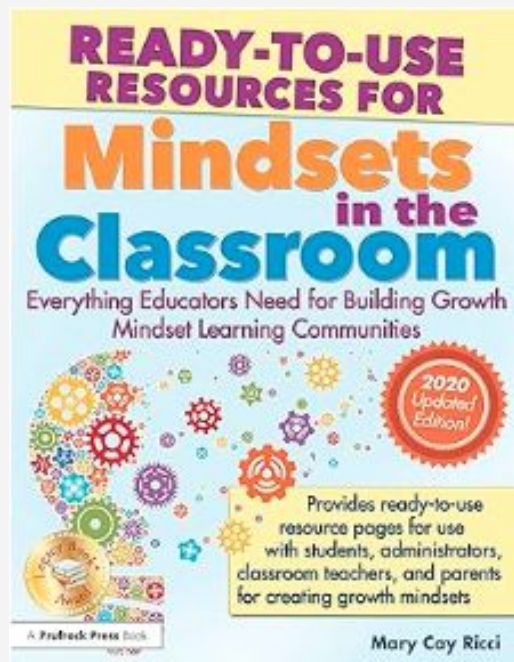
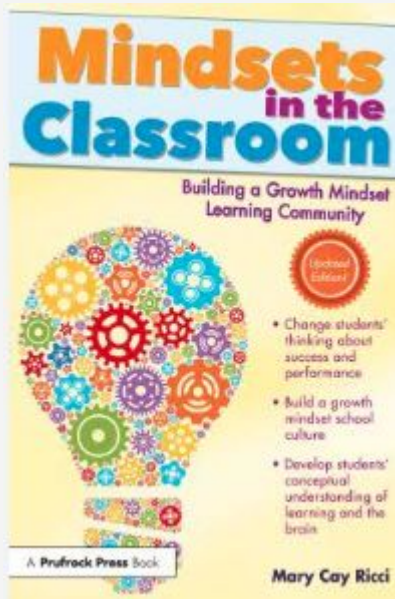


# Fantastic Reads by Jo Boaler

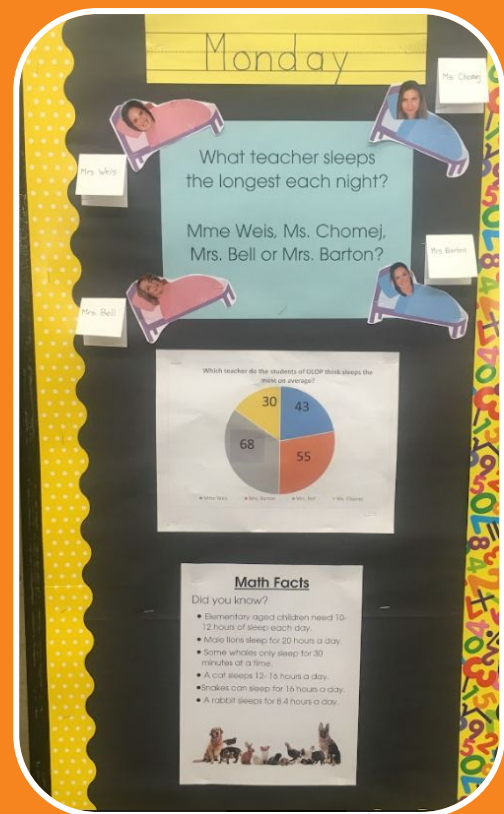
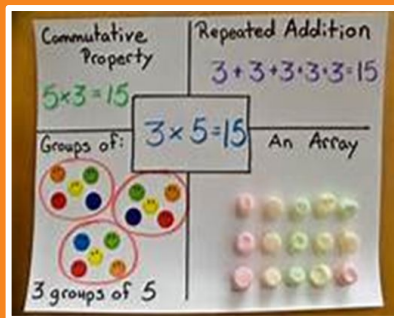
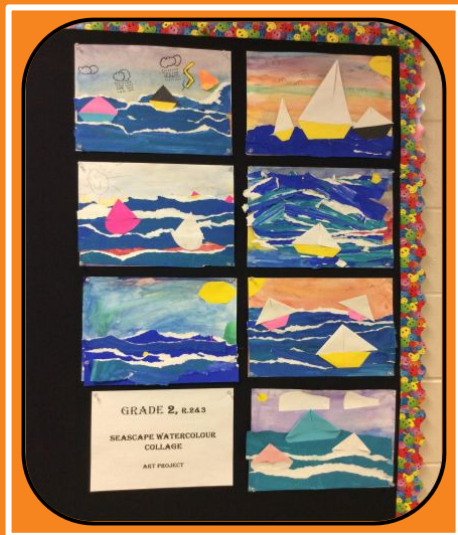


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# Fantastic Resource



# Math and Numeracy is visible throughout the school

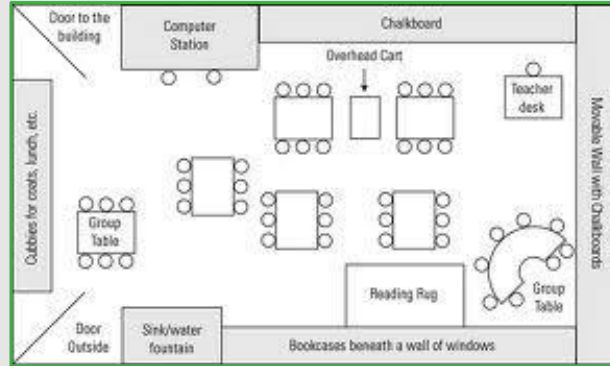


# Students Provided with Voice and Choice

## Small group instruction



Math Stations



Variety of learning spaces

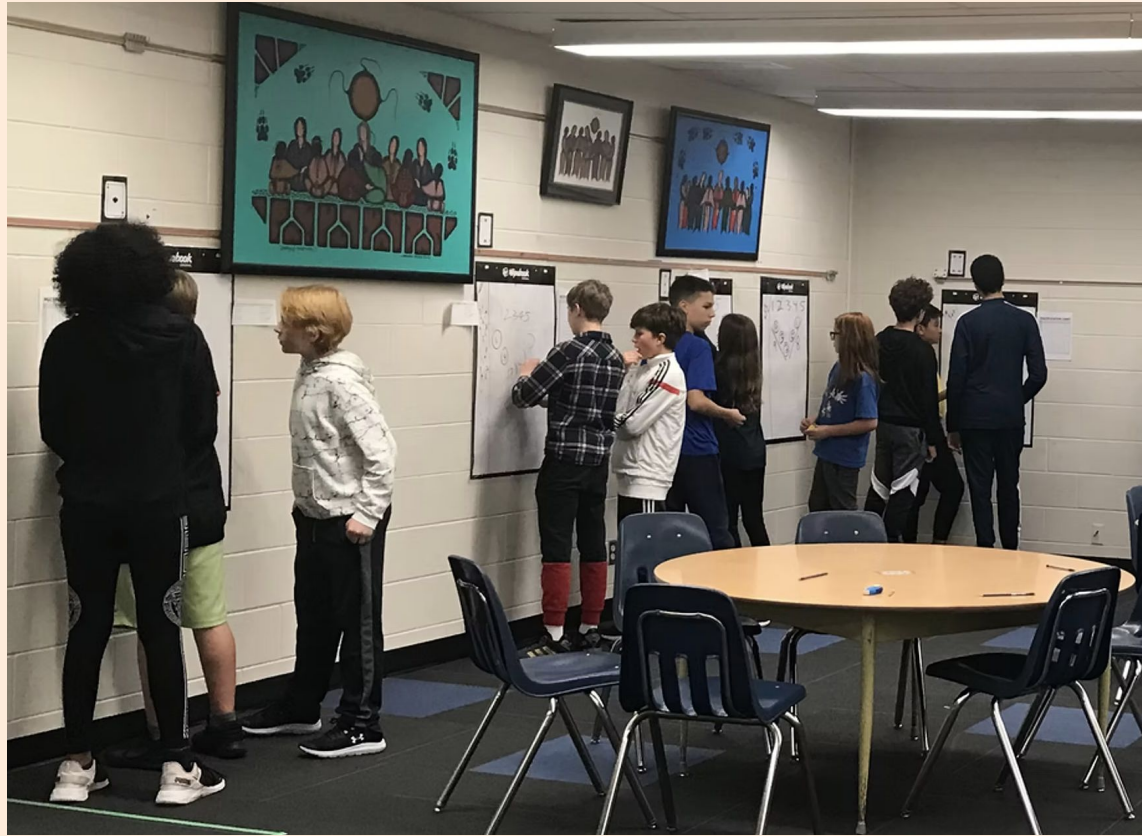
Mathematical conversations through Math Talks

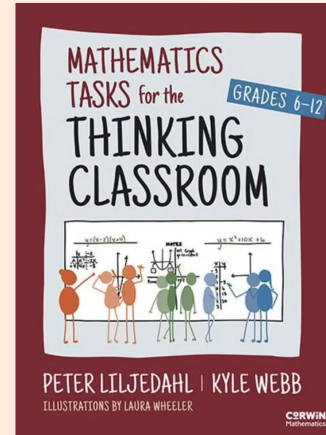
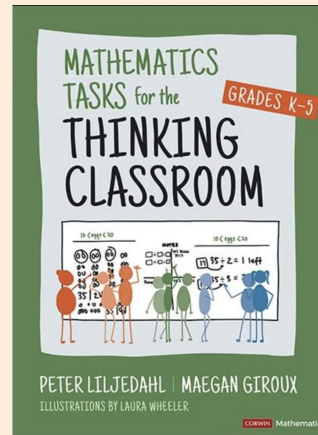
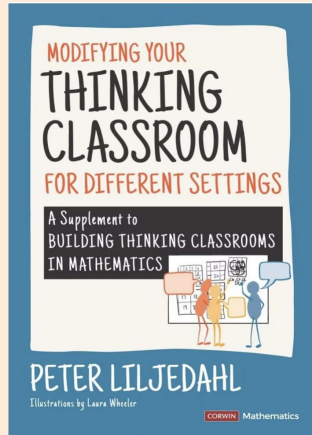
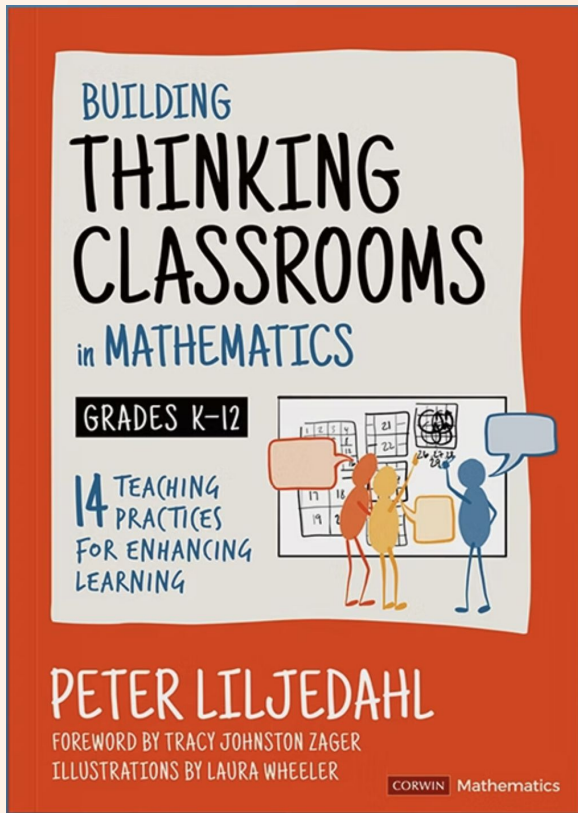
**Math Talk Expectations**

In our learning community, we...

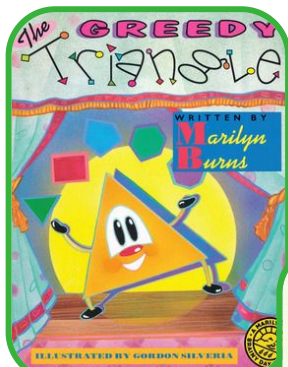
1. are all learners who make sense of math. *Hmmm...* *What would you do differently?*
2. treat each other with respect. *This is what I think.*
3. keep trying even when the problems are hard. **DON'T QUIT**
4. participate and show others we are listening. *Do you agree?*
5. can make mistakes and revise our thinking.  $4 \times 5 = 20$   $4 \times 5 = 20$
6. share our ideas and ask good questions.

**ROUTTY**  
Math Teacher



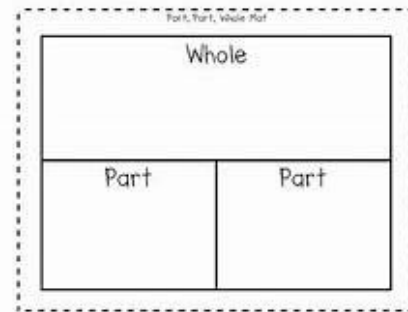


# Access to resources, literature and math manipulatives



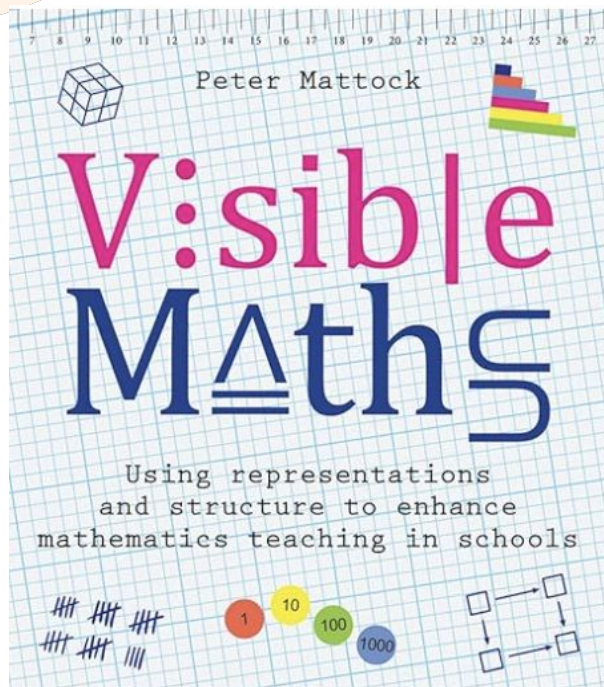
## We Can Bead!

Nadine McSpadden





# Visible Maths



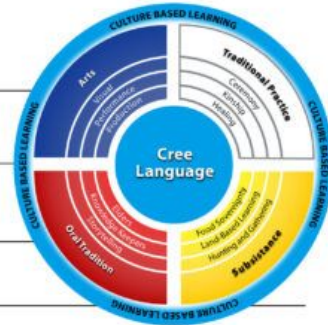
# Learning Environment

Questions to Consider	Look Fors	Conversation Starters
How is learning visible in the classroom?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Student made anchor charts</li><li>• Math walls with student work</li><li>• Erasable surfaces</li><li>• Visuals that demonstrate mathematical thinking.</li><li>• Using manipulatives to foster deeper understanding.</li><li>• Encourage multiple solution pathways</li><li>• Choose tasks with multiple entry points</li></ul>	<p>How are some of the ways that you make math visible in your classroom ?</p> <p>In your classroom I see _____ (student work, or vocabulary, or anchor charts), can you tell me how students use these resources?</p>
How are indigenous perspectives effectively and authentically embedded in math classes as per the curriculum?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Curricular outcomes related to Indigenous perspectives are taught and modeled</li><li>• Indigenous math literature is evident</li><li>• Cross-curricular learning</li><li>• Students are given opportunities to engage in activities involving Indigenous themes and topics</li></ul>	<p>What are some examples of how you have embedded Indigenous perspectives in your math classroom?</p>

# Indigenous Ways of Knowing



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# Teaching and Assessment Practices

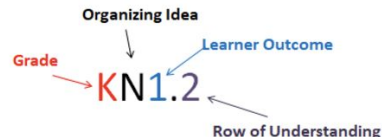


## Teaching and Assessment Practices should focus on:

- Alberta Curriculum
- Competencies, Literacy and Numeracy development
- Building Reasoning Skills
- Mental Math and Fluency
- Math Vocabulary
- Manipulative Use for Conceptual Understanding
- Effective Questioning
- Formative Assessments and Responsive Teaching
- The Assessment Cycle



[Numbered Curriculum Document](#) - Please read first to understand the numbering in this document.  
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### Alberta Mathematics K-6 Scope and Sequence

## Number and Operations

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>KN1</b> Children investigate quantity to 10.	<b>1N1</b> Students interpret and explain quantities to 100.	<b>2N1</b> Students analyze quantities to 1000	<b>3N1</b> Students interpret place value within 100 000	<b>4N1</b> Students apply place value to decimal numbers	<b>5N1</b> Students analyze patterns in place Value	<b>6N1</b> Students Investigate magnitude with positive and negative numbers
<b>Number Concepts</b>	<p><b>KN1.1</b> Composition and Decomposition of Quantities to 10</p> <p><b>K1.4</b> Comparing Quantities using more, Less, same, enough, not enough</p>	<p><b>1N1.1</b> Quantity to 100 using words, numerals, objects, pictures</p> <p><b>1N1.3</b> Grouping and Partitioning numbers</p> <p><b>1N1.5</b> Equality and unequal to 100 =and ≠</p>	<p><b>2N1.1</b> Quantity to 1000 using place value understanding (natural numbers)</p> <p><b>2N1.3</b> Odd and Even numbers (remainders)</p> <p><b>2N1.5</b> Inequality comparing natural numbers using less than &lt;, greater than &gt;,not equal</p>	<p><b>3N1.1</b> Quantity to 100 000 using place value understanding (base-10 system &amp; natural numbers)</p> <p>less than &lt;, greater than &gt;</p> <p>\$ sign in French and English</p> <p>Count money</p>	<p><b>4N1.1</b> Decimal numbers including tenths and hundredths using place value understanding</p>	<p><b>5N1.1</b> Numbers within 10 000 000 Decimal numbers to thousandths using place value understanding</p>	<p><b>6N1.1</b> Integers additive inverses</p> <p><b>6N1.2</b> Adding integers</p> <p><b>6N1.3</b> Subtracting integers</p>



# Teaching and Assessment

Questions to Consider and Look Fors	Look Fors	Conversation Starters
<p><b>Does the teacher show evidence that they plan, teach and assess utilizing the Alberta curriculum and ensure that students have access to the learning goals for each lesson?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Goals are appropriate, challenging, and attainable.</li> <li>● Goals are specific to the lesson and visible to students.</li> <li>● Goals connect to other mathematics.</li> <li>● Goals are revisited throughout the lesson.</li> <li>● Students understand the math action verbs.</li> </ul>	<p>How and when do you communicate the goal of the learning to the students?</p> <p>How do you know that students understand the goal of the learning?</p> <p>How do you incorporate the math action verbs into your lesson plans?</p>
<p><b>Supports the development of competencies, literacy and numeracy.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● work with a partner or small group</li> <li>● stick with a challenging problem</li> <li>● represent and communicate their thinking</li> <li>● use manipulatives</li> <li>● work independently</li> <li>● solve problems and reason logically</li> <li>● listen actively</li> <li>● give and receive feedback</li> </ul>	<p>Please choose one of the related bullets and describe how you support students in knowing what it “looks like, sounds like and feels like”.</p> <p>During the observation today I saw students _____ (one of the bullets). How do you support students in knowing what it “looks like, sounds like and feels like”?</p> <p>What exists that helps students justify their thinking rather than explain their answer?</p>



# High-Impact Instructional Practices in Mathematics



# Ways to Implement



## Administrators who are effective instructional leaders:

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- Make high achievement by all students a priority
- **Recognize and value** high quality instruction and assessment
- **Expect all staff** to engage in high level instruction and assessment.
- Create a learning community that supports teachers and administrators as they work to transform/improve instructional practice.
- Provide time for collegial work.
- Provide time for professional learning and attend with your teachers.

# Look For

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- What students are doing, as well as the teacher
- Content and tasks
- Learning Environment
- Equity
- Ongoing Assessment including ***formative assessment***

# YOUR ROLE

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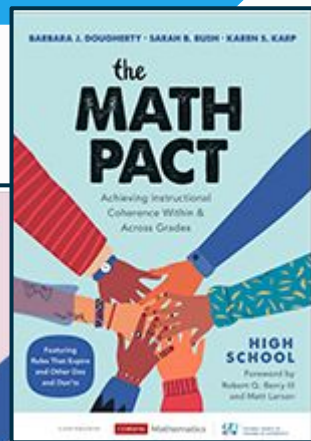
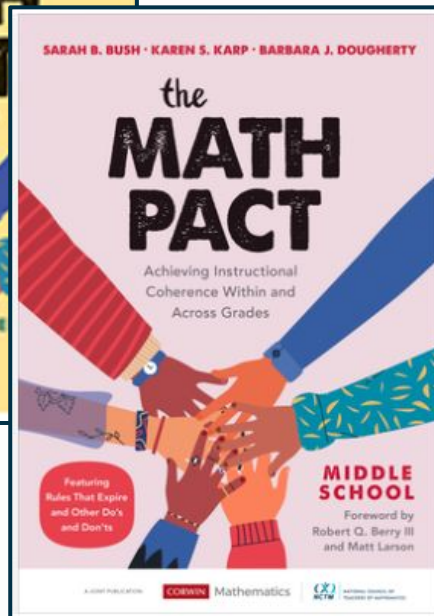
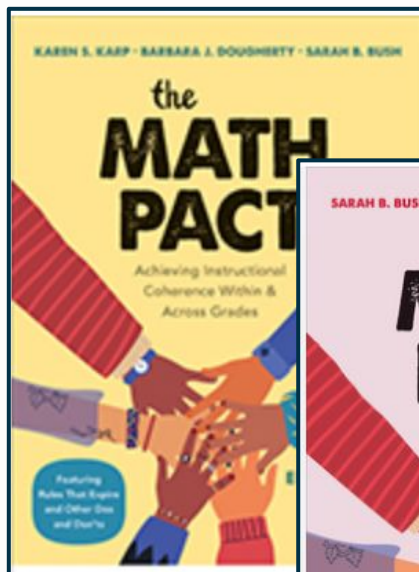
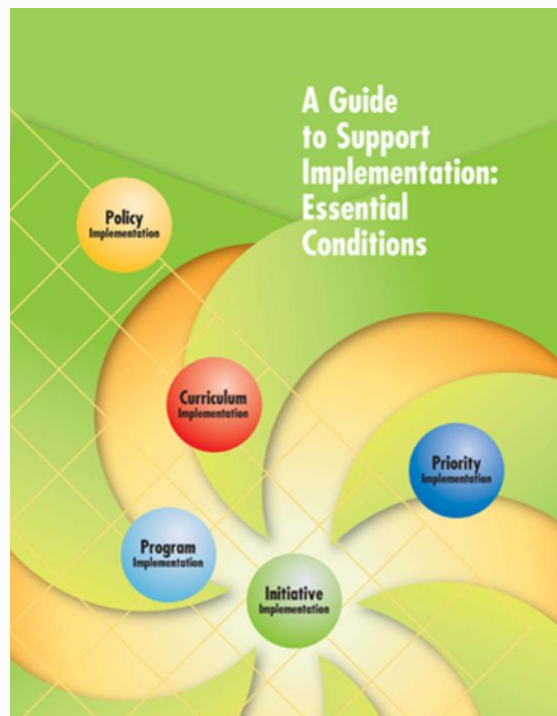
Expect and support *all teachers* in implementing high quality student-centered mathematics instruction.

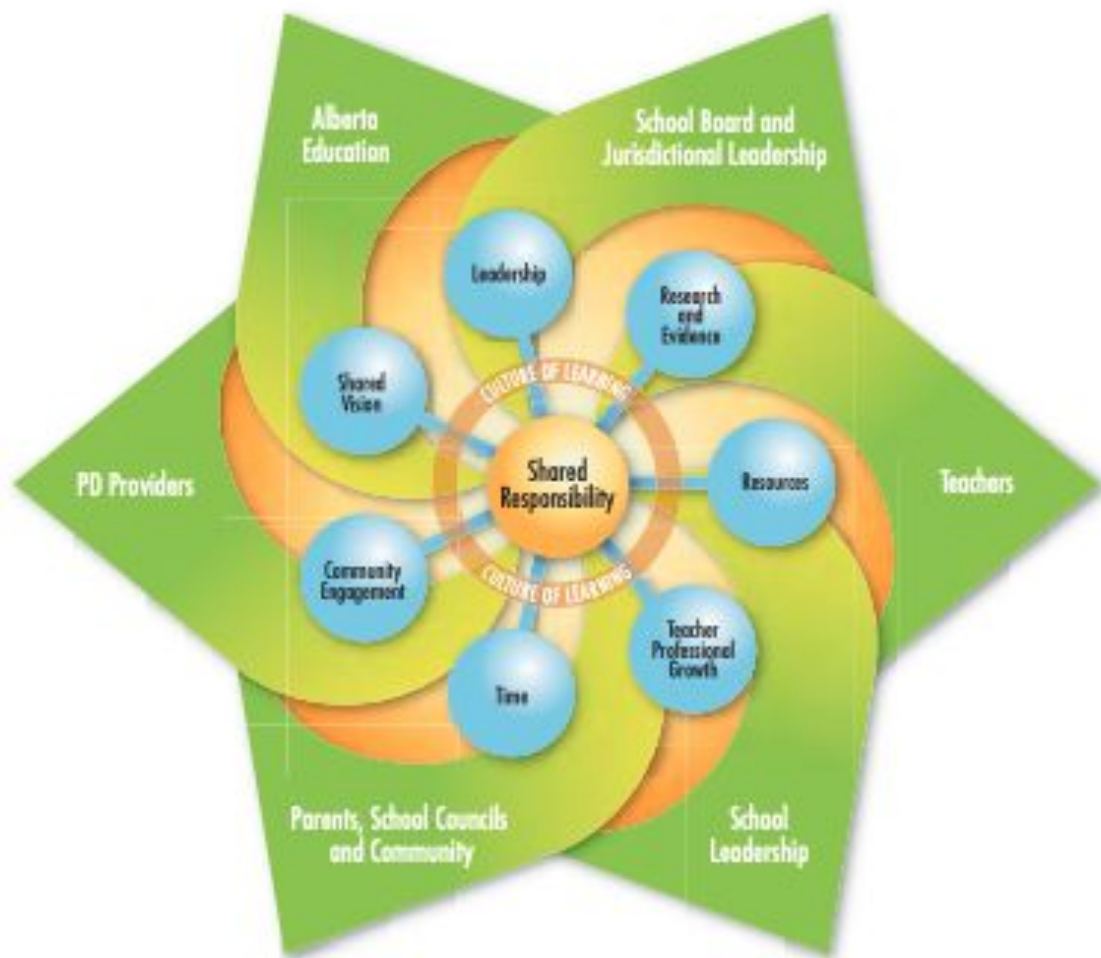
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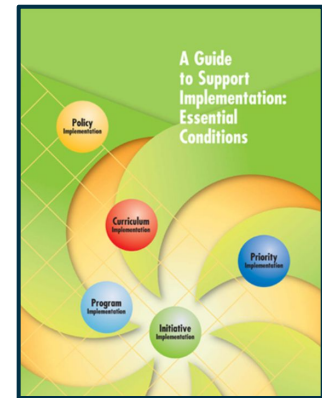
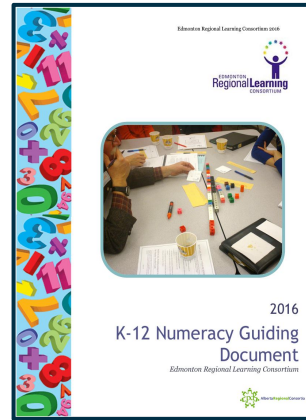
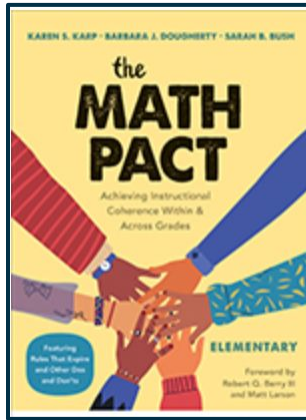
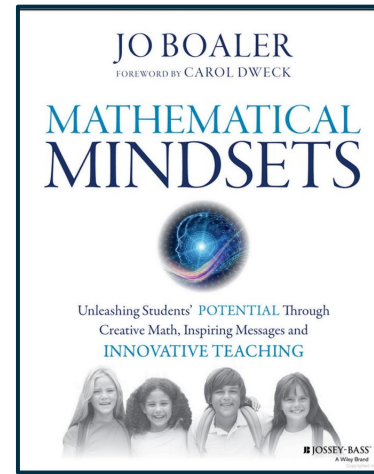
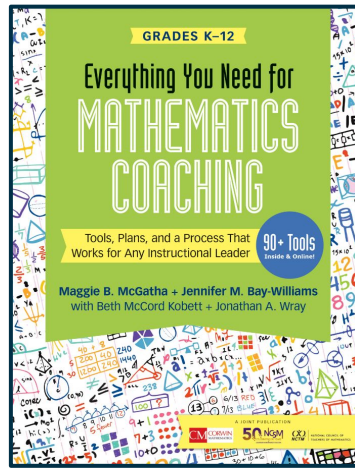
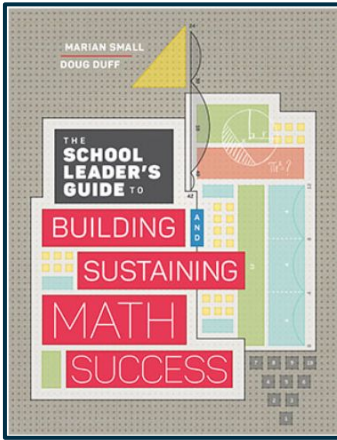
Research shows that successful implementation:

- is a shared responsibility among stakeholders;
- is developmental and contextual;
- is systematically planned, systemic, and sustained;
- is meaningful, purposeful and focused on key priorities;
- involves learning opportunities that focus on enhancing professional practice and leadership capacity among educators
- involves a variety of learning opportunities by and for all education stakeholders including support staff, students, parents, school councils and community members; and
- involves change at both organizational and individual levels.









**\*\* Must Reads \*\***

# Remember...



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