Cutting to the Core: The Standards for Mathematical Practice

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- Problem solving be the focus of school mathematics
- Basic skills -- more than computational facility
- Power of calculators and computers at all grade levels
- Stringent standards of both effectiveness and efficient
- Student learning be evaluated by a wider range of measures than conventional testing
- More mathematics for students
- High level of professionalism
- Public support for mathematics









CCSS Standards for Mathematical Practice

The Common Core proposes a set of Standards for Mathematical Practice that all teachers should develop in their students.

The Mathematical Practice Standards are strongly informed by the NCTM Process Standards in *Principles and Standards for School Mathematics*. These standards form the basis for standards documents nationally and internationally.

CCSS Standards for Mathematical Practice

- 1. Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
- 2. Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
- Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.
- 4. Model with mathematics.
- 5. Use appropriate tools strategically.
- 6. Attend to precision.
- 7. Look for and make use of structure.
- 8. Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.

NCTM Process Standards and the CCSS Mathematical Practice Standards

NCTM Process Standards	CCSS Mathematical Practices
Problem Solving	 Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them. Use appropriate tools strategically
Reasoning and Proof	 Reason abstractly and quantitatively. Critique the reasoning of others. Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning
Communication	Construct viable arguments
Connections	Attend to precision.Look for and make use of structure
Representations	Model with mathematics.





How do we incorporate the processes/practices into our everyday instruction?

Every student must believe....

"Everything you do in mathematics should make sense to you!"

Number Talk

- A Number Talk is a short, ongoing daily routine that provides students with meaningful ongoing practice with computation
- helping students develop computational fluency
 the expectation is that they will use number
- relationships and the structures of numbers as well as reasoning and sense making to develop a deeper understanding of mathematical ideas



Here is a sample:

Basic Facts:	
▶7 x 2 =	
→7 x 4 =	
▶7 x 8 =	

The Goal of Number Talks

- > Develop conceptual understanding and computational fluency.
- Student think and reason like mathematicians.
- Students make connections and look for relationships
- Student share their strategies, learning to clarify and express their thinking which leads to developing mathematical language.







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Making Connections	Deal or No Deal
7.836 X 4.92 = 3855312	 Marty offers his parents a new deal for his allowance. Rather than getting \$5 a week, he suggests they give him 1¢ for the first day. 2¢ for the second day. 4¢ for the
534.6 X 0.545 = 291357	third day and so on for the entire month of
51.1875 ÷ 1.05 = 4875	February. Should Marty's parents accept his deal?
3.75 ÷ .05 = 750	3 4
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