## SLO #5: Practical ideas and suggestions to meet this goal Mathematical Thinkers who: Apply mathematical principles and operations to solve problems. Practical ideas and suggestion to meet this goal:

- 1. Business math techniques such as balancing a checkbook
- 2. Calculate sport score (probability)
- 3. Carpentry
- 4. Cooking (measurement), painting (area), shopping (using a budget, counting change)
- 5. Create problem solving situations in everyday events- "When it is 1:30, let me know; we need to leave for piano at that time. How much time do we have to get ready?" Use this \$10 to find a birthday gift for your friend."
- 6. Cross curriculum activities (writing out steps)
- 7. Games with counting, money, shapes, problem solving, card games, dice for counting, Cash Flow Game

  Great America Math Day
- 8. Lawrence Hall Science: logic activities
- 9. Life skills math: baking, cooking, measuring, sewing, construction
- 10. Listening to Baroque music
- 11. Marine World Math and Science Day
- 12. Math classes at learning center
- 13. Playing at musical instrument
- 14. Shop at stores (weighing items, compare unit price, etc.)
- 15. Solve computational problems using M&Ms, licorice, Unifix blocks, number lines
- 16. Use Write Start Al Abacus
- 17. Use white boards to allow students to use all modalities when tackling a problemvisual, auditory, and kinesthetic
- 18. Use plenty of manipulative (French blocks)
- 19. Use a calculator.
- 20. Use real money/coins; practice making change on a cash register.
- 21. When using word problems, teach students to identify words giving clues about the operation(s) needed to solve the problem, having them highlight those words in the text.

## **Curriculum Suggestions:**

- 1. Algebra Help: Webmath.com
- 2. Basic Algebra students: Pathways Algebra by Pacemaker, and Keys to Algebra which aligns with standards.
- 3. Chalkdust has math videos
- 4. Computer CD: Math Deviance
- 5. Edhelper
- 6. EPGY math
- 7. Equate board game

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- 8. ESs warn that CPM Math (used in some schools) is not easy to use
- 9. Excel
- 10. Family Math
- 11. Glencoe
- 12. Hands on Math
- 13. Hands-on Algebra
- 14. Harcourt Brace
- 15. Holt CD series and homework help online
- 16. Houghton Mifflin
- 17. Key to Algebra –for Basics
- 18. Kumon Math- Tutoring Centers in Modesto and Bay Area
- 19. Learning Wrap-ups
- 20. Mad Minute (K-8)
- 21. Math Devil from Borders
- 22. Math It (drill game)
- 23. Math Their Way
- 24. Math U See
- 25. Memory Joggers
- 26. Merced homework hotline (through Merced School District)
- 27. Miguon Math
- 28. Modern Curriculum Press has good workbook style math
- 29. Odysseyware computer program from Pathways
- 30. Pathway Publishing (Math on CD)
- 31. Pig Out On Math / Materials for Math Maniacs
- 32. Quarterhorse Math CD Rom
- 33. Real Life Math problems
- 34. Real Math and other life skills based math texts
- 35. Rich Dad, Poor Dat (personal finance/economic)
- 36. Saxon-Has online placement tests to determine level.
- 37. Silver, Burdett
- 38. Singapore Math (Note that Japan is a year ahead of US in math)
- 39. Spectrum Math for remedial/practice
- 40. Standard Deviant has math videos-(Borders)
- 41. <u>Video Text Interactive</u> for Algebra and Geometry (Takes daily commitment, but program is good)

## **Suggested Excellent Math Websites:**

- 1. Illuminations
- 2. The Math Forum
- 3. SHODOR
- 4. Worksheet Factory