An inservice training program for tutors was developed that was based on a review of existing math materials for students at the 5-8 grade level and an analysis of the results of standardized math tests administered to literacy students in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Nearly 100 adult literacy students were tested in Fall 1992. Results were compiled into a profile of the math instruction needs of the adults tested. Based on that profile, a training program was developed for literacy tutors, and inservice programs were provided in May and June 1993. A tutor manual and packet of manipulatives were developed and provided to each workshop participant. Each participant completed an evaluation of the training. A 62-page annotated bibliography of math instructional materials was developed and included with the tutor training materials. Project participants concluded that all student instruction must begin at the same point, no matter what the presumed level of knowledge might be. The instructional package developed was effective and beneficial to participants, but they requested more examples and anecdotal information. (The eight-page report is followed by these appendixes: list of needed specific math competencies; checklist for reviewing textbooks; master prescription sheet for sample and list of objectives ranked in descending order of need; annotated bibliography; and the handbook with materials on place value; fractions, decimals, and percents; problem solving; word problems; and practical applications. Contains 36 references.) (YLB)
FINAL REPORT

AN IN-SERVICE MATH INSTRUCTION PROGRAM FOR TUTORS

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Description: This project developed a tutor in service program in math. The content of the in service was based on the results of tests administered to literacy students. Training was conducted at two sites in Allegheny County through the Region 4 Staff Development Coordinator. Presentation included an examination of math principles, a review of the results of the student testing, and instruction on teaching the math principles found to be most needed by this population. An annotated bibliography of existing math instruction materials was compiled and included with the workshop handbook.

Objectives: To test literacy students to determine their specific training needs in math. To develop a tutor in service program of three hours in duration. To instruct tutors in techniques for teaching math to adults. To conduct two in service sessions over a two-month period for tutors and literacy professionals. To evaluate the effectiveness of that program and to compile a final report with recommendations.

Target Audience: Professionals and tutors directly involved in teaching math to adult literacy students.

Product(s)—if applicable: Annotated bibliography of existing math instruction materials; instructional handbook; final report.

Method(s) of Evaluation:

At the conclusion of each in-service session, participants were asked to complete an evaluation form. Participants in the in-service sessions will be mailed a follow up evaluation to complete after they have had a chance to put the principles discussed into practice.

Findings: After testing nearly 100 literacy students, we found that knowledge of math varied widely, no matter what the presumed level of understanding was. After a review of the literature on the subject of teaching adults, we developed a training program that relies on hands-on, manipulative-based instruction.

Conclusions: Project director concluded that all student instruction must begin at the same point, no matter what the presumed level of knowledge might be. The instructional package developed was found to be effective and beneficial by participants, but they requested more examples and anecdotal information be included.

Descriptors: (To be completed only by Advance staff)
Introduction

Lack of skill in mathematics is a widely-accepted condition and one which the South Hills Literacy Improvement Center has addressed with adult literacy students since its beginnings. But teaching math to adult literacy students presents special problems, not the least of which is knowing where to begin with an adult whose life experiences may mask the real level of their understanding. The goal of this project was to get a profile of the level of understanding of math concepts among adult literacy students and to create a tutor training program to address the instructional needs of those students.

Students were tested in Allegheny County in the fall of 1992. Results of the test were compiled into a profile of the math-instruction needs of the adults tested. Based on that profile, a training program was developed for literacy tutors, and in-service programs provided through the Region 4 Staff Development Coordinator. In-service sessions were presented in May and June of 1993. Project Director was Ellen McDevitt, Associate Director of the South Hills Literacy Improvement Center.

The report of this project should be of interest to anyone interested in beginning math instruction in their adult literacy program, or to tutors or administrators whose programs already have math instruction but who want to expand
or change it. Copies of the report and the training materials are available from AdvancE or from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Adult and Literacy Education, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA. 17126-0333

Statement of the Problem

Many students who test at higher levels in reading do less well in math, and are unable to hold their own in a GED class. They need one-on-one tutoring, but there is no tutor training program available in math and no real information on the instruction needs of this group. The program developed by the Juniata-Mifflin County Vo-Tech School dealt with transitioning students from one-on-one tutoring to the classroom. This project addressed the lack of tutor training in math for the 5-8 grade level student who will be continuing in the one-on-one situation. It did so by developing an in-service training program for tutors based on (1) a review of existing math materials for students at the 5-8 grade level and (2) an analysis of the results of standardized math tests administered to literacy students in Allegheny County.
**Goals and Objectives**

**Objective 1:** To develop a profile of the math instruction needs of adult literacy students in Allegheny County.

The project director tested nearly 100 adult literacy students in Allegheny County using the ABLE 2. Tests were scored and a list of learning objectives compiled based on the Norms Booklet for the ABLE 2. By matching the questions with the objectives they measured for each student, the project director was able to compile a profile of the math instruction needs of each student. When all the testing was completed, a profile of the entire group was generated which provided a clear picture of the kinds of instruction most needed by the greatest number of students. (Appendix A)

**Objective 2:** To develop a tutor training program in math based on the results of the testing conducted in objective 1 and on a review of existing math instruction materials.

The project director contacted textbook publishers, requesting copies of their math instruction materials for adult students at the 5-8 grade levels. Each text was reviewed by either the staff or volunteers of the South Hills Literacy Improvement Center according to a form created by the
project director. Those reviews were then compiled into an annotated bibliography. (Appendices B and C)

To create a tutor training program, the project director reviewed: the results of the testing to determine instructional needs, the annotated bibliography to determine the kinds of materials currently available, and literature on the education of adults to determine the most effective methods of instruction, particularly books by Malcolm Knowles and Cyril Houle, and Effective Strategies for Teaching Adults, by Seaman and Fellenz.

Procedures

The ABLE 2 was used to test literacy students to determine what kind of math instruction was most needed. The test was administered to all students of the South Hills Literacy Improvement Center. In addition, other literacy programs in Allegheny County were contacted to enlist their support in testing their students. The Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council and the Chatham College Adult Literacy Center allowed the project director to test their students. A prescription sheet was developed based on the objectives specified in the Norms Booklet of the ABLE 2 and individual prescriptions generated for each student. After all students were tested and tests scored, a master prescription sheet was
created for the total sample and the objectives ranked in descending order of need. (Appendix D)

Next the project director contacted textbook publishers for copies of the math instruction materials applicable to the 5-8 grade level adult learner. A checklist was developed and used to review each textbook that was received. The results of those reviews were compiled into an annotated bibliography. (Appendices B and C)

The project director then reviewed materials dealing the education of adults, specifically The Adult Learner: A Neglected Species by Malcolm Knowles, The Design of Education by Cyril Houle, and Effective Strategies for Teaching Adults by Don Seaman and Robert Fellenz.

A tutor training program was developed based on the above information and presented to tutors and literacy professionals in May and June of 1993 in Allegheny County through the Region 4 Staff Development Coordinator. Each participant received a handbook and a packet of manipulatives that were then used during the training session. (Appendix E) At the conclusion of the training sessions, participants were asked to evaluate the content of the session. (Appendix F)

Results

All objectives specified in the proposal were met. As a result of the testing, a profile of the math instruction needs
of students was created and used as the basis for creating a tutor training program in math. A Tutor Manual and a packet of manipulatives were developed and provided to each workshop participant. An evaluation form was developed and each participant completed an evaluation of the training. A 62-book annotated bibliography of math instructional materials was developed and included with the tutor training materials.

During the conduct of this project, the project director was able to make several interesting observations. It was obvious in certain testing situations, that the format of the test was as big a problem for some students as the problems themselves. Older students are not familiar with the fill-in-the-circle style of standardized test that the ABLE 2 represents. In some cases, students were absolutely unable to make the connection between a question, the answer, and the need to fill in the correct circle on the answer sheet. In those instances, the project director allowed students to simply write the answers in order on a plain sheet of paper. This difficulty with the format of the test needs to be addressed in any future testing of adults if a true picture of the adult's math ability is to be ascertained.

After reviewing the literature on adult education and the results of the tests, the project director concluded that using manipulatives and getting the students out of their chairs and working with one another was the best way to teach
adults mathematics. Accordingly, a packet of manipulatives was presented to each workshop participant. The packet included 100 toothpicks and 10 rubber bands; 10 clothespins; a wire hanger; a Hershey Bar; 25 colored index cards; and a small ruler. During the training sessions, participants learned how and when to use these manipulatives and how to create their own.

Finally, it became obvious when reviewing the results of the testing that the life experiences of students sometimes mask the real level of understanding of math concepts. So that, a student may understand how to add and subtract money, but may not really understand decimals and their use. A student may understand how to measure a room in order to install baseboards, but may not understand the principles and applications of geometry. It was concluded, therefore, that all instruction needs to begin with basic number operations, no matter what the presumed level of understanding of math concepts may be. Students who know the materials will sail through the basics into the more difficult materials. But tutors will be able to determine early-on when a student doesn't understand a basic concept and both student and tutor will be saved the frustration of trying to learn an advanced concept before the fundamentals are mastered.
Evaluation

Workshop participants were asked to complete an evaluation of the training session. Most participants rated as excellent the new techniques presented and the new ideas discussed. Most participants rated as good or excellent the information presented on new materials available, the practical value of the information presented, and the insight provided on the needs of adult math students. When asked what they liked most about the workshop, participants listed the opportunity to interact with one another, the use of the manipulatives, and insights into what specifics students need to address. Many participants felt that the workshop would be improved by including more anecdotal information about when and how to create and use manipulatives.

Dissemination

Copies of the final report for this project, the tutor training manual and a list of the manipulatives to be included in the training are available from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Adult and Literacy Education, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333 and from Advance at the same address.
SPECIFIC MATH COMPETENCIES - BY FUNCTION

Addition
1. more than 2 2-digit numbers
2. horizontally
3. decimals expressed as dollars and cents
4. common fractions with unlike denominators
5. two mixed fractions with unlike denominators

Subtraction
1. 3 digits from 4 digits; 4 digits from 4 digits
2. two common fractions with unlike denominators
3. a common fraction from a mixed fraction, each with different denominator
4. two decimals expressed as dollars and cents, in horizontal form

Multiply
1. 2 digits by 2 digits; 3 digits by 3 digits; 3 digits by 2 digits
2. 3 digits by a number less than 10, with zero
3. 4 digits by 2 digits, with zero
4. 2 decimals, each expressed in hundredths
5. 2 common fractions
6. 3 digits by 3 digits, with zero

Divide
1. 4 digits by a number less than 10
2. 5 digits by 2 digits, with zero
3. 4 digits by 2 digits
4. a mixed decimal by a decimal fraction
5. a common fraction by a whole number
6. 4 digits by 2 digits
Percentages
1. find the percentage of a number
2. given percent and percentage, find the base

Other
1. solve a linear equation
2. solve a common power

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Measurement of length, weight, time, liquid, graphs, extensive practical math applications - money, measurement, decimals, percentages, fractions, budgeting, liquid measure, scales, interest, commissions, calories, RDA, recipes, dimensions, time, distance, travel, time zones, checkbook and saving accounts, numerical order, calculators, sales bills, catalog orders, wages, paychecks, discounts, mortgages, taxes, careers.


Addition and subtraction of whole numbers, renaming, multiplication, zeros, division, fractions, mixed numbers and improper fractions, decimals, rounding, powers of ten, ratios and proportions, word problems, percents, measurement of time, linear measurements, area, volume, metrics, circumference. Extensive practice.


Addition and subtraction of decimals, rounding, multiplication and division of decimals, changing percents to decimals and decimals to percents, finding percents, addition and subtraction of fractions. Checking accounts, income, planning a budget, savings accounts, simple and compound interest, consumer credit, purchasing a car, taxes, investments. Extensive practice.


Decimals, percents, fractions, bank accounts, income and commission, making a budget, consumer credit, purchasing a car and house, taxes, investments. Good explanation of financial terms.

Counting calories, surface area, mathematics in sports, averages, adjusting recipes, multiplication and division of fractions, perimeter, spending money, using a map, time, installment buying, area, volume, temperature. Basic skills review: addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, decimals, fractions, renaming, percents. Extensive practice.


Basic number functions, circle graphs, area, approximations, fractions, probability, decimals, extensive practical math applications with geometry, charts, credit, sewing, recipes, weights, dimensions, thermometers, schedules, time, maps, accounts, calculators, sales bills, paychecks, sports averages. Great for practical applications.

ARCO


Translating English terms in Algebra symbols and equations, solving equations, distance, rate, time, investment problems, work problems, attendance problems, lever problems, ratio, proportion, inequalities, problems with two variables, quadratic equation, trigonometric word problems, probabilities, permutations and combinations, squares and square roots.

CONTEMPORARY BOOKS, INC.


Steps to understanding word problems; practice with basic number operations, graphs, value, area, perimeter, measurement, averaging, place value; algebraic expression, one and two-step equations, ratio and proportions; approximations; decimal, percent and fraction conversions; practice applications - budgeting, weights, dimensions, calendars, schedules, time, mileage, maps, bills, numerical order, discounts.

Basic facts, including word problems and place value, rounding, regrouping, using zero as a place-holder, practical applications with money, measures, weights, mileage, maps, monies. Good practice book.


Basic functions for fractions, decimals and percents, finding a common denominator, reading a ruler and a metric ruler, perimeter, area, volume, circumference. Applications: changing a recipe, rounding money, finding interest, unit pricing, finding percent saved, tax rate schedule, working on a budget, installment buying. Lots of practice.


Practice in basic facts, formulae, graphs; number properties, signed numbers, powers, roots; working algebraic expressions, simplifying, one and two-step equations; geometric applications; practical applications. May be too advanced for mid-level students.


Skills inventory: for graphs, schedules and charts, maps, circle graphs, bar graphs, pictographs, line graphs; strategies for problem solving; lots of practical applications -- maps, mileage, tax tables, money, budgeting, scales, weights, calendars, banking, bills, rate of pay.


Skills inventory for graphs, schedules and charts, maps; circle graph, bar graphs, pictographs, line graphs; strategies for problem solving; lots of practical applications - maps, mileage, tax tables, money, budgeting, scales, weights, calendars, banking, bills, rate of pay.

Focus on angles, triangles, planes and solid figures. Area, volume, perimeter, work with protractors, parallel lines and transversals, pythagorean theorem. Adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing units, working with cubes, rectangular solids, cylinders, cones, and solving two-step volume problems. Applications: The work triangle, applying the Pythagorean theorem, tiling a room, building a patio, carpeting a room, yard work, changing volume to capacity, and using geometry in photography. Lots of examples.


Basic number operations on a calculator, estimation, multi-step word problems, decimals, common fractions, finding a percent, using a calculator's memory, powers, square roots, right triangles and Pythagorean theorem. Applications: Ordering from a menu, keeping a mileage record, balancing a checkbook, best buy shopping, computing distance rate and time, completing payroll forms, computing simple interest, family budgeting. Lots of examples and explanations.


Lots of practical application but few practice problems for each lesson.


Basic addition and subtraction functions, place value, regrouping, problem solving strategies, word problems, applications, picture problems, reading a map, using checks and calendars, comparing prices.


Very good explanation of the meaning of multiplication and division; some practice, some rounding, estimating, selection of operation, word problems and practical applications.

Basic operation with fractions; graphs, word problems, some charts, selection of operation, conversions; practical applications - measurement, weights, mileage and maps.


Basic operations with fractions; practiced application - money, liquid measure, weights, time, mileage and maps. Good practice and review.


Basic operations with fractions; order of operations, word problems, approximations, selection of operations; good practice and review.


Basic functions using percents; conversions, equivalents; percent wheel; good practice and review.


Graphs, one-step equations, word problems, selection of operations, approximations, conversions; practical applications - money, budgeting, commissions, discounts, sports averages. Easy to understand and helpful.


Word problems, basic functions with decimals, place value, zero as a place holder, selection of operations; practical applications - money, weights, menus, discounts, rate of pay.

Word problems, place value, one and two-step equations, zero as a place holder, selection of operations; practical applications — money, weights, menus, discounts, rate of pay. Simple explanation of the meaning of decimals.


Meaning of a ratio, ratio application, unit rates, measurement ratios, word problems, meaning of a proportion, proportions with fractions and decimals, proportion problem solving. Simple explanations and extensive practice.


Basic number operation with whole numbers, fractions, decimals and percents; proportion; conversions; practice with graphs, area, perimeter, volume; algebraic concepts, one and two-step equations ratio and proportion, place value, zero as place holder, selection of operations; practical applications - budgets, sewing, recipes, dimensions, thermometers, schedules, mileage, calendars, menus.

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Very simple explanations. Practical applications - money, measurement, decimals, fractions, percentages, lowest unit price.


Converting currency, value of money, all money problems.
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Practical math usage. Fractions and decimals in money, practice with measurement, geometric shapes, algebra, sales tax, profit, liquid measure, scales, interest formulas, commissions, dimensions, thermometers, calendars, schedules, time, mileage, maps, coordinates, checkbooks, calculators, sales bills, rate of pay, correct change, discounts, unit price, tree diagrams, venn diagrams, capacity, patterns, charts. Notable for good practical usages.

G & G PUBLISHERS, INC.


Basic functions with whole numbers. Good explanation of multiplication with zero, good practice.


Basic functions with decimals, rounding, comparing. Good explanations of what decimals are, some practice.


Basic functions with fractions, simplifying, conversions. Good examples and lots of practice.


Word problems, signed numbers, powers, conversions. Lots of practice.

Word problems, geometric functions, signed numbers, powers, pythagorean formula, ratio and proportion, coordinates, conversions. Good examples and practices.


Word problems, signed numbers, writing algebraic expressions, substitutions, one and two-step equations, conversions. Good explanation of signed numbers.

**GLOBE BOOK COMPANY**


A practice book in filling out forms of every kind. Each form is preceded by an explanation of the form, and a list of words and phrases that are on the form that might need special consideration and some hints and help to use before completing the form.

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Basic number facts, practice with geometric facts, roots, order of operation, practice with algebraic expressions, equations, ratio and proportion, inequalities; geometric concepts; selection of operation; practice with fractions, practical applications in dimensions, measurement, practice tests.
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Gross pay, overtime, rounding money, commission, real estate tax, sales tax, filling out tax forms, life insurance, auto insurance, stocks, simple life insurance, auto insurance, stocks, simple and compound interest, bonds, percents in business, retail sales, cost of production, depreciation, inflation, consumer price index, credit card charges, the 24-hour clock, time zones, units of measure and conversion. Extensive drill and practice. Hardback book.

SCOTT, FORESMAN AND COMPANY

Usiskin, Zalman; Flanders, James; Hynes, Cathy; Polonsky, Lydia; Porter, Susan; Viktora, Steven. Transition Mathematics, Scott, Foresman and Company, Glenview, IL, 1990.

Our reviewer thought this book was too advanced for middle level adult students.

SIMON & SCHUSTER, INC.


Covers lots of day to day reasons why math is important -- taxes, mortgages, invoices, balanced checkbooks. Good book for practical applications, but need additional texts as supplement.

STECK-VAUGHN COMPANY

Bryant, Nerissa Bell and Hedgepeth, Loy. Mathematics in Daily Living, Book 1, Fractions, Steck-Vaughn Company, Austin, TX, 1985.

Word problems, place value, Roman numerals, reducing fractions; practical applications - measurement, recipes, lowest unit price, income tax form. Good examples and practices - usually shows a practical application after each topic.

Zero as a place holder, money, practical applications - interest, checkbooks, rate of pay, discounts, insurance premiums. Lots of good examples and practices - usually shows a practical application.


Word problems, measurement, signed numbers, powers, one and two-step equations.


Word problems, signed numbers, powers, algebraic expressions, one and two-step equations.


Basic functions with whole numbers, rounding, zero as a place holder, word problems, approximations, place value. Good practice, lots of problems with answers.


Basic functions with fractions, reducing, comparing. Good practice and good explanations.


Basic functions with decimals and percents. Percent wheel, conversions, money, comparing, values, ratio and proportion. Good practice and explanations. Notable for its discussion of percents.
Pre-Ged Mathematics, Steck-Vaughn Company, Austin, TX, 1992.

Basic facts, place value, graphs and tables, geometric functions, estimating, powers, roots, order of operation, ratio and proportion, zero as a place holder conversions, fractions, decimals, money, word problem; practical applications - measurement, interest, charge cards, time, mileage and maps, commissions, rate of pay, discounts, probability.


Solving word problems involving whole numbers, decimals, fractions, percents, customary and metric conversions, charts, bar graphs, line graphs, geometric formulas such as area and volume, ratio and proportion. Finding sub-steps for each type, and work with equations. Lots of practice.


Basic functions plus graphs, geometric functions, signed numbers, powers, roots, order of operations, exponents, rounding, word problems, approximations, estimating, interest. Good examples, lots of practice.


Basic functions plus writing algebraic expressions one and two-step equations, ratio and proportion, geometric formula, conversions, equivalents, reducing, interest, charge cards, commissions, discounts, distance. Good examples, lots of practice.


Comparing, ordering, rounding, basic functions with whole numbers, fractions, decimals; problem-solving strategies; rounding, estimation, place value, equivalent fractions, reducing, conversions, measurement, graphs.

Practice book with basic functions and whole numbers - multiplication, division, addition and subtraction; zero as a place holder, rounding.


Practice book of basic functions with fractions, including mixed numbers and improper fractions.


Practice book of basic functions with decimals and percents - conversions, rounding, word problems, interest and charge cards.


Place value, comparing and ordering, rounding; basic functions with whole numbers, fractions, decimals; measurement; zero as a place holder, word problems, selection of operation, estimation; equivalent fractions.


Strategies for problem solution. Measurement, basic functions, selection of operation, word problems, conversions, decimals and fractions, money.


Basic functions, word problems, graphs, tables, measurement, signed numbers, powers, roots, word problems; practical applications - budgeting liquid measure, interest, time, sales bills. Mostly practice problems, but not much explanation.

Basic functions, word problems, graphs, tables, measurement, signed numbers, powers, roots, algebraic functions, one and two-step equations, geometric functions, conversions, fractions, decimals, practical applications. Not much explanation - lots of practice.


Graphs, tables, addition, subtraction, decimals, multiplication, division, conversions, multiple step problems, fractions, percents, geometric shapes and terms, perimeter, area, circumference, volume, multi-step word problems, negative number problems, solving algebraic expressions, ratio and proportions. Extensive practice.
APPENDIX D
PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS WHO ANSWERED QUESTION INCORRECTLY

MATH CONCEPT

1. Identify a fractional part of a number 73%
2. Convert a common fraction to a decimal fraction 73%
3. Express the shaded portion as a common fraction 73%
4. Convert a percent to a common fraction 67%
5. Identify the expanded form of a number expressed in exponential form 61%
6. Identify the prime factorization of a number 58%
7. Recognize zero as the addition identity 48%
8. Read a five-digit numeral 39%
**COMPUTATION**

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Add two decimals expressed as dollars and cents,
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Subtract a 3-digit number from a 4-digit number 42%
Add three 2-digit numbers 39%
Add four 2- and 3-digit numbers 0%
Ellen McDevitt of the South Hills Literacy Improvement Center has been testing student math abilities this year in an effort to find out what specific competencies we need to address in our teaching.

Ellen has developed a Tutor Training Session based on the results of the testing. She will address the specific competencies that are most needed by the students, and she will share strategies for teaching these competencies. An annotated bibliography of math books for students at the 4 - 8 grade levels will be available to all participants and samples of the books will be available for review.

If you would like more information or directions to either workshop, please do not hesitate to call Ellen at (412) 854-8415 or Paul Weiss at 1-800-438-2011.

REGISTRATION

Working With Your Math Student

Name ___________________________

Program ___________________________

Phone No. ___________________________

Please register by April 29, 1993

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Pittsburgh, PA 15206
EVALUATION FORM

WORKING WITH YOUR MATH STUDENT

We would like you to share your reactions, both positive and negative, about this workshop and its usefulness to you as a math tutor. Please take a few moments to answer the following questions. Thank you.

Please circle one number per line.

HOW DID THIS WORKSHOP RATE IN TERMS OF:

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WHAT DID YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT THIS WORKSHOP?

WHAT COULD BE DONE TO IMPROVE THIS WORKSHOP?

DID THIS WORKSHOP ADDRESS WHAT YOU THOUGHT IT WOULD?

WHAT KIND OF LITERACY ACTIVITY ARE YOU INVOLVED IN?

_____ volunteer tutor _____ clerical worker _____ administrator
_____ teacher _____ student _____ other

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APPENDIX E
WORKING WITH YOUR MATH STUDENT

by

ELLEN MC DEVITT
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
NEW CHOICES FOR ADULT LITERACY

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THE SURVEY

SEPTEMBER, 1992 THROUGH JANUARY, 1993
In the fall of 1992, nearly 100 students in Allegheny County were tested using the ABLE 2. All students were participating in literacy programs and were supposed to be operating at the 5-8 grade level of ability. The following three pages identify specific math concepts and computational skills, and present the results of the tests according to the number of respondents who answered the questions incorrectly. The fourth page, Specific Math Competencies--by Function, identifies those competencies most needed by respondents in each of 6 categories.
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SPECIFIC MATH COMPETENCIES - BY FUNCTION

Addition
1. more than 2 2-digit numbers
2. horizontally
3. decimals expressed as dollars and cents
4. common fractions with unlike denominators
5. two mixed fractions with unlike denominators

Subtraction
1. 3 digits from 4 digits; 4 digits from 4 digits
2. two common fractions with unlike denominators
3. a common fraction from a mixed fraction, each with different denominator
4. two decimals expressed as dollars and cents, in horizontal form

Multiply
1. 2 digits by 2 digits; 3 digits by 3 digits; 3 digits by 2 digits
2. 3 digits by a number less than 10, with zero
3. 4 digits by 2 digits, with zero
4. 2 decimals, each expressed in hundredths
5. 2 common fractions
6. 3 digits by 3 digits, with zero

Divide
1. 4 digits by a number less than 10
2. 5 digits by 2 digits, with zero
3. 4 digits by 2 digits
4. a mixed decimal by a decimal fraction
5. a common fraction by a whole number
6. 4 digits by 2 digits
Percentages
1. find the percentage of a number
2. given percent and percentage, find the base

Other
1. solve a linear equation
2. solve a common power

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Components Essential for Effective Instruction in Math

After reviewing the results of the testing, reviewing textbooks available for math instruction, and reviewing literature on adult education, several components for effective instruction in mathematics were identified.

1. The skills presented must be practical and relevant to the adult student.
   * use terms that have real meaning, not math terms
   * make your student contribute to the selection of concrete, real experiences
   * develop different strategies for different students

2. Entry behaviors are not important
   * don't assume that your student really understands the fundamental concepts of math
   * begin at the same point with all students, regardless of what you think they know
   * students need help in understanding the problem so they can apply the skills they learn

3. Math is a statement of realtionships and the relationships need to be thoroughly understood.
   * translate number relationships to the concrete level and have students work at that level
   * try working without pencils so the students can understand the problem
   * most problems can be solved in more than one way--allow your students to figure out their way
* most problems can be solved in more than one way--allow your students to figure out their way
* strategies for developing number sense are the key to successful skill building

4. *We can only do four things with numbers--add, subtract, multiply and divide.*
   * students need to understand the concepts of math
   * the student needs to understand that competency in math is achievable and the amount of information is manageable

5. *Adults want to solve problems, not learn skills*
   * make the concepts and skills meaningful be relating them to student needs
   * apply new knowledge to what the student already knows
   * find real applications for abstract concepts

I hear and I forget
I see and I remember
I do and I understand
Sequential Outline
for
Teaching Math Skills

COMPUTATION - SINGLE DIGITS
1. Counting by 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 100
   a. Ask what he/she is doing going from 1 to 2 and 2 to 3
   b. Same thing when counting by other numbers
   c. Do backwards
2. Adding
   a. Already understand strategy, i.e., adding is combining
   b. Show it with toothpicks (ask for other ideas)
   c. Use graph paper to illustrate that each number has a place.

Concept of the Equation - Teach This Concept Early
3. Subtracting
   a. Explain that subtracting means reducing (checking account)
   b. Use manipulatives - toothpicks, scale
   c. Use graph paper
4. Multiplying
   a. Explain that Multiplication is the repeated addition of the same number - refer back to skill of #1a
   b. Do it - in 5's - with toothpicks; with 2's, with 10's.
   c. Use graph paper
5. Dividing
   a. Explain that division is the repeated subtraction of the same number - refer to skill of #1c (MPG, unit pricing)
   b. Do it - toothpicks, MPG, unit pricing
   c. Division is dealing things out in equal quantities - use note cards to illustrate
   d. Use graph paper.

6. RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PROCEDURES
   a. Subtraction is the opposite of addition - one's the check for the other
   b. Multiplication is the opposite of division - one is the check for the other
   c. The commutative principle. i.e. 
      \[
      3 + 5 = 5 + 3 \\
      3 \times 5 = 5 \times 3 \\
      3 - 5 = 5 - 3 \\
      3 - 5 = 5 - 3
      \]
   d. When you multiply by 1, there is no change
      When you multiply by a number less than one, you get a decrease in the number
      When you multiply by a number greater than one, you get an increase in the number
   e. Show it by doing

COMPUTATION - MULTIPLE DIGITS
1. Teach place value here - use Place Value Grid to illustrate.
2. Use graph paper to assist student in keeping numbers in their places - one number to a square.
DO ALGEBRAIC CONCEPTS HERE

1. Stress that letters don't mean anything - they stand for the unknown
2. Stress the concept of the equation - both sides have to balance (use a scale to illustrate)
3. Finding for a letter means isolating that letter on one side of the equation
4. Be sure first problems are one-step problems:
   \[ 6 + ? = 9 \quad 5 + ? = 8 \]
   \[ 7 - ? = 3 \quad 5 - 5 + ? = 8 - 5 \]
   \[ ? - 5 = 4 \quad 0 + ? = 3 \]
   \[ ? = 3 \]

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USING THE PLACE VALUE GRID

The Place Value Grid is used with toothpicks or pennies and dimes to illustrate the concept of place value. Explain that each column can only contain 9 or the group that is represented there: nine ones in the first column on the right, nine groups of 10 in the next column, nine groups of 100 in the next, and nine groups of 1,000 in the next. Expand the grid as you need to include higher number groups.

Begin by having your student count out 9 toothpicks and place them one at a time in the ones column. When you get to 10 toothpicks, you have to gather up the first nine and remove them from the ones column, add the tenth toothpick to the original nine, bind them with a rubber band, and place the GROUP of 10 in the tens column. This becomes ONE group of TEN. Explain the the number 10 says that there are no ones, but there is one group of 10—show the concept on the grid until your student grasps what place value means. Continue bundling toothpicks in groups of 10 until you have 9 groups of 10 in the column and you are ready to add a tenth group. Because no column can contain any more than 9, you need to bundle up the 9 groups, add a tenth group and move all ten to the hundreds column. Explain that the number 100 says that there is nothing in the ones column, nothing in the tens column, but that there is one group of 100 in the hundreds column. Repeat the process up to the group of 1000 in the thousands column.
NUMBERS REPRESENTING QUANTITIES LESS THAN ONE

Fraction, decimals and percents all represent numbers that are less than one. This is the crucial concept to get across—that these numbers designate pieces or parts of a whole. Some students will be surprised to realize that fact—some will think they've never heard it before. But it is an essential concept to get across if your student is to understand the reasoning behind using fractions, decimals, and percents.

The following pages list suggestions of things to remember when teaching fractions, decimals, and percents. Remember to make the concepts real to your student. Following the explanatory sheets are a series of colored sheets marked off in rectangular shapes of different sizes. The purple sheet represents the whole. Other colors represent halves, quarters, thirds, and eighths. Have your student cut along the lines to form rectangles of different colors and then assist your student in placing those shapes into the shape of the whole. This exercise illustrates the concept that the same number has different names but that all the names mean the same thing: 1=2/2=3/3=4/4=8/8. Included with the grids are verbal exercises to use in understanding what the exercise is all about.
THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT TEACHING FRACTIONS

- Common fractions represent numbers less than 1
- The bottom number of a fraction tells how many equal parts something has altogether.
- The top number of a fraction tells how many of those parts you have
- Common fractions can be taught by showing their relevance in writing checks, in using recipes and in doing measurement.
- Some points to stress
  - reducing improper fractions
  - equivalent fractions, e.g., $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{12}{16}$
  - the part is written over the whole
- Use manipulative and newspaper ads to teach fractions and make them relevant.
THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT TEACHING DECIMALS

- Decimals represent numbers less than 1

- Decimals express parts of 1 by using a decimal point to divide parts of the whole from the whole. Numbers to the right are parts of the whole, numbers to the left are whole numbers.

- American money is the most common form of decimal math. Show how a penny is related to a dollar: a dollar can be divided into 100 parts each part is 1 of the 100 parts or 1/100. Another way to write 1/100 is .01, which is how you write 1 cent.

- Remember place value before and after the decimal.

- Work on expressing the numbers verbally, writing the number that is expressed. For example, .6 is six tenths, while 60 represents 6 tens.

- Be sure to align decimals when adding and subtracting.

- Be sure to count places when multiplying decimals.
THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT TEACHING PERCENTAGES

- Percents represent numbers less than 1
- The term percent means "hundredths" of the whole
- Problems using percents ask you to find:
  a. the part of a whole
  b. the percent that a part is of a whole
  c. the whole when you know the part

The Percent Wheel
P = the part
% = the percent
W = the whole
the line represents the process of division

- To find the part, multiply the % by the whole
- To find the %, divide the part by the whole
- To find the whole, convert the percent to a decimal and divide the part by the converted percent.
FORMS FOR
- THE WHOLE
- HALVES
- THIRDS
- FOURTHS
- EIGHTHS
VERBAL EXERCISES FOR FRACTIONAL PARTS OF A WHOLE

1. Which piece fills the box all by itself? This is the whole piece.

2. Which two pieces fill the box completely? What do we call each of those two pieces?

3. Are there three pieces that fill the box completely, with no space remaining? What are each of the three pieces called?

4. Find four pieces to fill the box completely. What do we call each of the four pieces? If we put two of the four pieces together, do we call them by another name? (Be sure the student looks at the space being occupied by the two pieces) If we count three of the four pieces, how much do we have? Do we have the whole yet? How many pieces do we need to have a whole? How do you write that number?

5. Repeat #4 with 8 pieces.

6. Give the student 6 pieces that each represent 1/4. Direct the student to fill the box. Explain that 4/4 is still the whole. If 4 quarters represent "one", what do 6 quarters represent? (Repeat using other fractions if necessary for understanding.)

7. Give the student 10 pieces that each represent 1/4. Direct the student to fill the box. (Student will fill 2 boxes and have 2 left over). You have redefined the whole. Explain. If 4 quarters equal "one" or a whole, what do 8 quarters equal? Do it using the boxes. What do 10 quarters equal? What would 11 quarters equal?
PROBLEM SOLVING STRATEGIES

Picture the Problem

Make a graph or chart
Close your eyes and try to see it
Draw a picture or a diagram
Draw groups to illustrate similarities and differences

Redo the Problem

Put it in your own words
Relate it to another problem you’ve already done
Translate key words to math symbols
Use simpler numbers to get the idea, then replace them with the original numbers

Examine the Problem

What are they asking for, what information do they give me
Does it provide enough information - does it give too much information
Break down the large problem into smaller problems
Look for the key words

Other Ideas

Estimate
Predict
Talk out loud to yourself
Ask yourself questions
Check your computation

Use a calculator to check
Use “things” to help figure it out - rulers, measuring cups, money, etc.

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PROBLEM SOLVING STRATEGIES

EQUATIONS:
use a scale to illustrate
picture it
replace numbers with simple numbers
use simple objects to balance sides, e.g., toothpicks, coins

WORD PROBLEMS:
omit numbers, answer questions, work backward
write a question
make a list
replace numbers with simple numbers
see "5-Steps to Solve Word Problems"
create a form and fill in (see Contemporary’s form)
student creates his/her own word problems

FRACTIONS:
define the whole
separate into equal parts
create colored pieces for fractional parts (see forms)
use student interest to select a manipulative

NEGATIVES:
use commonly understood concepts: thermometer; underground parking garage; a bounced check; the difference between a mountain and a valley, draw a chart using graph paper and a number line at -0-
use logical reasoning/deduction
### KEY WORDS

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THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT TEACHING WORD PROBLEMS

- Word problems are just reading problems with numbers.
- Use the 5-Steps to Solving Word Problems to help your student understand the process.
- Use the Key Words to help identify what procedure is called for, but remember that you may not see the exact word always.
- Use the sheet of Sample Problems to help identify specific kinds of word problems - and then have the student make up some of her own in every category.
- Use everyday, practical examples from newspapers and magazines to make up word problems for your student.
- Remember to stress the following kinds of problems: Set-up problems, graphics and data analysis, ratio and proportion, fractions, decimals, and percentages.
THE FIVE STEPS USED TO SOLVE WORD PROBLEMS

1. What does the problem ask you to find? Does the problem give you enough information to solve it? Be specific, check the key words.

2. Some of the information in the problem is unnecessary. Decide which information you need to solve the problem. Write it down.

3. Check the key words again to decide what operation is called for.

4. Solve the problem using the operation you identified.

5. Check to see if the answer you got makes sense - double check you math first, then insert your answer into the problem.
CHECK SHEET FOR WORD PROBLEMS

Draw a picture
Key Words
Read it without numbers first
Read question in parts - be sure you understand each part - draw picture
Rephrase the problem - personalize it
Use simpler numbers
Select an operation - use key words, is answer higher or lower than number given
Re-read the problem
Steps - which step is missing, break it into smaller steps
Order of operation - My Dear Aunt Sally
Select necessary information
Estimate/round
Check solution by reviewing operation

Steps:

1. What does it ask me to find?
   Read without numbers
   Key Words
   Rephrase It

2. Decide what information is necessary to answer the question.
   Rephrase it
   Picture it
   Read it in parts
   Select information

3. Choose the operation
   Key words
   Which step is missing
   Is all information there

4. Solve it
   Steps
   Order of operation
   Estimate/round

5. Check the answer
   Estimate/round
   Reverse operation
   Check for sense
PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS
MANIPULATIVES
ruler
tape measure
nails/toothpicks/poker chips
fabric - measurement, conversion
measuring cup, spoons, bowl
money - real, play
milk gallon - volume

sack of flour - weight conversion
recipes/cookbook - conversion, measurement
laundry detergent - measurement
gasoline pump - mpg
pieces of lumber - linear measurement
bank ad - percentages
restaurant bill - percentage
restaurant menu - addition, division
size chart from a catalog - reading charts
size chart from a pattern - find information
roll of tape - linear measurement
roll of wallpaper - area

hershey bar - fractions
TOPICS FOR CONSUMER APPLICATIONS

MONEY
1. Adding cost of purchases
2. Making change
3. Rounding/estimating cost
4. Figuring sales tax, discounts and interest
5. Comparing prices: newspapers, catalogs
6. Completing food stamp, social service application forms
7. Opening a bank account
8. Using checks (good for illustrating concept of negatives)
9. Figuring paycheck deductions
10. Setting budgets
11. Figuring unit pricing for comparison shopping

TIME
1. Reading clocks (not digital clocks), calendars
2. Keeping time sheets
3. Figuring time and pay

WEIGHT
1. Learning the terms: English and metric
2. Reading scales: English and metric
3. Doing a weight-loss chart
4. Weighing produce - figuring cost

LENGTH AND AREA
1. Learning the terms: English and metric
2. Doing math operations with inches and yards (square inches and yards)
3. Figuring areas and amount needed for wallpaper, paint, rugs, material for curtains
4. Figuring mileage per gallon

RECIPES
1. Changing amounts
2. Becoming familiar with measurements
3. Equivalent measures

TEMPERATURE
1. Reading thermometers
2. Estimating equivalences, Fahrenheit, Celsius

CHARTS, TIMETABLES, SCHEDULES, MAPS
1. Reading them
2. Figuring mileage
3. Making charts and graphs
4. Bus schedules
5. Tax tables
6. Insurance tables - weight/height
Ordering and comparing information, money, percentages and decimals, conversion

- Which is the best buy, Bufferin or Tylenol?
- You need deodorant. Which is the better buy?
- How much better is the better buy -- in actual money, in percent?
For the best selection of flooring styles shop Hechinger!

WE’RE A STEP ABOVE THE OTHERS!

Topflor 'granite look' vinyl tile
- Available in black, gray, almond and beige
- Beveled look border doesn't allow dirt to enter in the seams
- High gloss finish • 12" x 12"

Topflor wood planks and parquet flooring
- Both are solid hardwood • tongue and groove • ideal for high traffic areas - foyers, family rooms, kitchens, etc.
- No nails just glue down • Tile has hardened acrylic finish

Perimeter, area, decimals, money, sequencing, ordering information
- How many tiles do you need for a room measuring 12 x 13 feet?
- Compute the sales tax on the total cost of the tiles
- What is your total cost?
- Including tax, what is the cost per tile in your floor?
BUY A CASE OF Castrol AND ANY OIL FILTER
GET UP TO $3.00 BACK ON THE OIL FILTER

Maximum protection against viscosity and thermal breakdown

SALE PRICE CASE $14.28 QUART $1.99

Percentages, conversion to decimals, division, comparing data
• How many days is the sale in effect?
• How much money do you save by buying the case?
• How much is that per quart?
• What percentage discount is the case price over the unit price?
• With the sales tax, how much is the cash price?

Prices Effective March 30th thru April 6th, 1990

See Local Dealer for details

Castro GTX 20W/50
Castro GTX 10W/40
Castro GTX 10W/30 Reg. Case Price $17.88
Castro GTX 5W/30 Reg. Quart Price $1.49
Heavy Duty 30
Our Pima Towel has FOUR times more Pima cotton, so it's softer, more absorbent.

Most towel mills blend Pima cotton with short fuzzy carded cotton for durability. Only problem is they blend as much as 80% carded cotton with only 20% Pima. And still call it a "Pima Cotton Towel."

At Lands' End we do things a little differently. Our Pima Cotton Towel is 80% Pima cotton and 20% carded cotton (exactly opposite to what most others do!). Better than that, every loop in our towel is pure Pima, so it's soft, absorbent, luxurious.

The carded cotton is used in the ground weave, where it keeps the silky Pima fibers in place, adds durability.

Machine wash. Imported. Colors right:

- Bath Towel (27"x50") 06792314 14.50
- Hand Towel (16"x30") 06789318 8.50
- Set of 2 Washcloths (13"x13") 06790313 7.50
- Bath Sheet (35"x70") 0679331X 27.50
- Set of 3 Fingertips (12"x18") 06791319 11.50
- Tub Mat is made of 100% carded cotton (22"x34") 06794315 17.50
- Pima Towel Set with free monogramming! Includes 2 bath towels, 2 hand towels, 2 washcloths. 09404311 53.50

Monogram it! See opposite page.

Percentages, subtraction, multiplication with zero, conversion to decimals, dollar amounts

- What is the cost of the Pima cotton in the bath towel?
- What is the cost of the carded cotton in the hand towel?
CHICKEN CORN CHOWDER

1 Large Potato, Diced
1 Medium Onion, Chopped
1 Eight Ounce Can of Corn, Undrained
Parsley
2 Cups of Water
1/2 Cup of All-Purpose Flour
1 1/2 Cups of Cooked Cut-Up Chicken

Serves: 6 People

Origin: Southern USA

1. Add potato, carrot, onion, celery, corn, broth, water, salt and pepper in Dutch oven.
2. Heat to boiling.
3. Reduce heat, cover and simmer until tender (about 10 minutes).
4. Shake flour and milk in tightly covered container and gradually stir into hot mixture.
5. Heat to boiling, and boil for one minute.
6. Stir in chicken and remaining milk.
7. Heat over low heat, stirring occasionally, just until hot, about 10 minutes.

RICE PUDDING

2 Eggs, Separated
2 Cups of Milk
1 Tablespoon of Butter, Melted
2 Tablespoons of Confectioners’ Sugar

Serves: 6 People

Origin: Pennsylvania Dutch

1/2 Cup of Sugar
1 Cup of Cooked Rice
1/2 Cup of Raisins
1/8 Teaspoon of Ground Nutmeg

1. Beat egg yolks; mix in sugar and milk.
2. Stir in rice.
3. Mix in butter and raisins.
4. Pour mixture into buttered 1-quart baking dish.
5. Beat egg whites until frothy; add confectioners’ sugar while beating.
6. Spread egg whites on top of rice mixture.
7. Sprinkle with nutmeg.
8. Bake at 325 degrees about 30 minutes.
Invent your own problem from the following information.
Make up your own units (dollars, months, feet, etc.).

1. Write your own labels to begin each problem.
2. Write a question based on the facts.
3. Write and solve a number sentence for each problem.
4. Ask yourself, "Does the answer make sense?"

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**Sandwiches**

- **Sliced Beef Brisket “Our Specialty”**
  - U.S.D.A. Choice beef brisket...cooked for up to 16 hours over North Carolina hickory wood.
  - Served on bread, topped with our brisket brisket sauce.
- **Grilled Turkey Breast**
  - Smoked, tender and lean, seasoned to perfection with our wild BBQ sauce.
- **Smoked Turkey Breast**
  - Served on bread, topped with our brisket brisket sauce.
- **Chopped Ham Barbecue**
  - Served traditional style with our own special sauce topped with shredded cheese on a toasted bun.
- **Raspberry Brie**
  - Served with smoked turkey breast, toasted and served on a toasted rye roll.
- **Smoked Pork**
  - Served with our own special sauce.

**Burgers and Dogs**

- **Southern Fried Oka**
  - Served on a bun with lettuce, tomato, and American cheese.
- **Texas Hot Pepper Cheese Toast**
  - Served with a side of Texas toast, Texas cheese, and a side of onion rings.
- **Western Style Fries**
  - Served with a side of Texas toast.
- **Baked Idaho Potato**
  - Served with a side of Texas toast.
- **Fresh Corn Cob**
  - Served with a side of Texas toast.

**On the Side**

- **Burrito**
  - Served with a side of Texas toast, Texas cheese, and a side of onion rings.
- **Pimento Cheese**
  - Served with a side of Texas toast, Texas cheese, and a side of onion rings.
- **Green Beans ‘N’ Bacon**
  - Served with a side of Texas toast, Texas cheese, and a side of onion rings.

**Sandwiches**

- **Sliced Beef Brisket**
  - 9.95/pound
- **Smoked Turkey Breast**
  - 9.95/pound
- **Smoked Turkey Breast**
  - 9.95/pound
- **Shredded Pork**
  - 9.95/pound
- **Whole Barbecue Chicken**
  - 9.95/pound
- **Whole Rack Baby Back Ribs**
  - 9.95/pound
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- **Buffalo Biscuit**
  - 9.95/pound
- **Buffalo Wings Party Pak**
  - (by the dozen)

**Homemade Salads and Sides to Go**

- **Potato Salad**
  - 1.95/pound
- **Green Beans N’ Bacon**
  - 1.95/pound
- **Creamy Cole Slaw**
  - 1.95/pound

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**Beverages**

- **Old Fashioned Ice Tea**
  - 1.25
- **ICED TEA (freshly brewed)**
  - 1.25
- **Regular Fountain**
  - 1.25
- **Sioux City Creme Soda**
  - 1.45
- **Sioux City Cactus Orange**
  - 1.45
- **Sioux City Sarsaparilla**
  - 1.45
- **O’Doul’s and Sharp’s**
  - (non-alcoholic beer)
  - 1.55
- **Low Fat White or Chocolate Milk**
  - 1.75
- **Coffee or Hot Tea**
  - 1.75

**Make It for the Trail**

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**Hamburger**

- **Texas Style Chili**
  - No beans
  - 9.95/pound

**Pastries**

- **Whole Pecan Pie**
  - 7.95/pound
- **Whole Apple Cheese Cobbler**
  - (serves 8-10)
  - 12.95/pound
- **Whole Mississipi Mud Pie**
  - (serves 12-15)
  - 14.95/pound

**Foolish Pail**

- 1/4 quart of our finest sorbet for your finest pail.

**Our Famous Barbeque Sauce**

- Mild or Hot (19.5 oz. jar)
- 2.50/pound

**Desserts to Go**

- Make it for the Trail
- Call our catering hotline at 369-2896
- We cater from 30-500 guests starting at $4.95 per person.

**Gift Certificates Available**

**Best Copy Available**
OFFICE MAX

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION

23355 Mercantile Rd., Beachwood, Ohio 44122-9523, Phone: (216) 591-2200

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name

Present Address

Phone Number

Referred by

EMPLOYMENT DESIRED

Position

Date You Can Start

Wages/Salary Desired

Are You employed now? Y N If so may we inquire of your present employer?

Ever applied/been employed by OfficeMax before? Where? When?

Do you have any relatives/friends working for OfficeMax now? (If yes, list).

Have you been convicted of any offense other than a minor traffic violation? Y N If yes, explain:

Are under 18 years of age? Y N If yes, date of birth:

Are you interested in Full Time Part Time How many hours per week?

WORK AVAILABILITY

MON. • FRI / DAYS EVENINGS OPEN COMMENTS

SAT. • SUN. / DAYS EVENINGS OPEN COMMENTS

Specify days/time that you cannot work:

FORMER EMPLOYERS

(List below last three employers, starting with last one first).

| DATE/MONTH/YEAR | NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER | WAGES/ | LAST | REASON FOR LEAVING |
|-----------------|------------------------------|SALARY| POSITION| Supervisor name/phone |
| FROM | TO |
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