

Columbus Regional Math Collaborative August 20, 2021

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Elementary School



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<p>Tuesday, August 24, 2021</p> <p> K – 5th Elementary School: Creating Mathematical Thinkers (Virtual Workshop) - LibCal - Columbus State University 3:45pm – 4:30pm</p> <p><i>Rescheduled from Tuesday, August 17th due to the predicted path of Tropical Storm Fred</i></p>	<p>Thursday, August 26, 2021</p> <p> Middle School Workshop: A Geometry Refresher: Eighth Grade Unit 1 (Virtual Workshop) - LibCal - Columbus State University 4:30pm – 5:15pm</p>
<p>Tuesday, August 24, 2021</p> <p> Middle School Workshop: An Integer Operations Refresher: Seventh Grade Unit 1 (Virtual Workshop) - LibCal - Columbus State University 4:30pm – 5:15pm</p>	<p>Tuesday, August 31, 2021</p> <p> K – 5th Elementary School: Creating Mathematical Thinkers (Virtual Workshop) - LibCal - Columbus State University 3:45pm – 4:30pm</p>

Director's Notes

The Start of School and Storms



Storms and The Start of School

I'm used to storms. Camille, Frederick, Katrina, and Opal are names that might populate a Tennessee Williams play, but each is a storm that marks days or weeks of life put on hold. Nature stepping in to help me appreciate the comfort of normal. Being a child of the Gulf Coast, I recognize the gently-bent clouds of feeder bands sweeping in from the Gulf, carrying salty wetness that can be felt on your skin and almost tasted. The curved, fast-moving clouds push misplaced seabirds inland while sweeping away even the best-laid plans for the next day or so. The usual rhythm of life is interrupted.

I do love the damp, earthy smells that accompany a deep, drenching rain. It may seem a little strange, but I draw a particular comfort hearing and feeling the sound of thunder. Just the other day, my mom reminded me of an old truth - *If you hear the thunder, you survived the lightning*. There is a similar truth in storms - If you hear the quiet, you survived the rain.

The start of school is not so different. The feeder bands of registration push these strange birds we call students into our midst. It's a warning to us of the impending arrival of the first day and week of school, disrupting our simple summer lives in ways we could not imagine. Challenging even the most well-made plans with the seeming force of nature. Our lives are changed.

Like loving the sound of thunder, I draw a particular comfort from the sounds of an energetic classroom. As much or more, I like the bing-**bong** of the bell ending the school day - unleashing a wave of students into the world, leaving in its wake an unnatural silence in the classroom, a sign you have survived the storm.

Whether a storm like Fred or a class full of students on the first day of school, disruptions in life give us a window to appreciate the world in a different light.

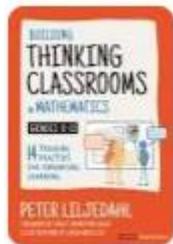
Once you hear the thunder, you survived the lightning. Now, let the living and learning begin!

Hoping you have blue skies in the school year ahead!

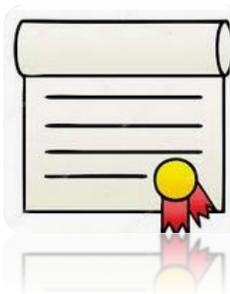
Happy Maths!

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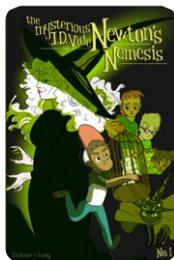
News Items



Building Thinking Classrooms book study will start next month on Tuesday, September 7th. **Warning: It will change the way you teach.** Contact [Peter Anderson](#) or [Register Here](#)



Valuable PD ... for free (and you get a certificate!) - Several events are on tap until the end of September! ([Link Here](#))



Free Fraction Resources - This lesson introduces ways of thinking about division and asks students to explore 13 divided by 2, 3, and 4 using the first issue of CSU's Dr. Cindy Ticknor's [The Mysterious I.D. Vide in Newton's Nemesis](#) Find the resource [here](#).

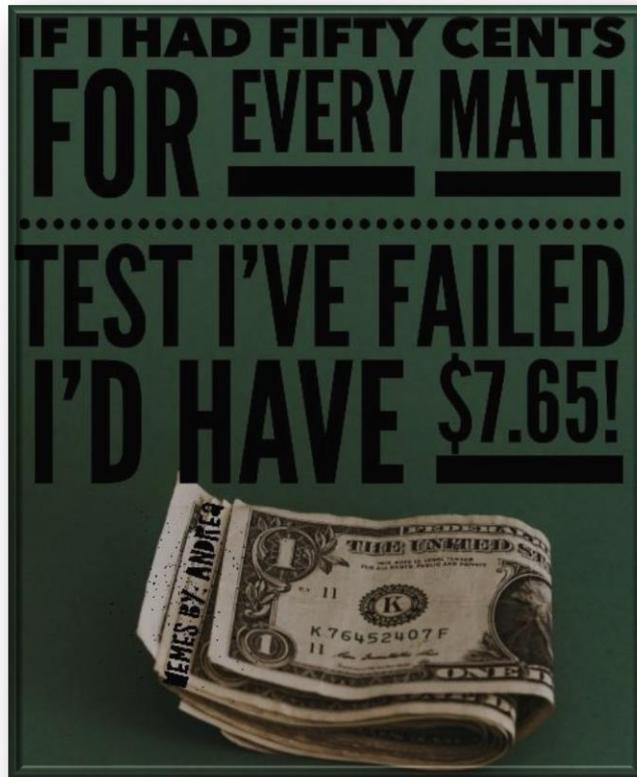


NCTM Annual Meeting in Atlanta - The meeting has been cancelled due to concerns about the Covid delta variant. But, we encourage you to join the NCTM! So many resources and instructional supports are available through this organization.

Explore here [NCTM](#) and tell them Pete sent you!



Resource Teachers



How do you support students who fail a test? Respond [Here](#)

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