

Of Special Interest

- Barbara Levine and Mike Mogil will be attending the NCTM (National Council of Teachers of Mathematics) Conference in Washington, DC in late April.
- Look for new homeschool classes in school year 2009-2010. Twice a week classes (pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry) will begin in September 2009. An SAT math prep class will begin in January 2010.
- Although not purely math-based, but still related to our science education focus and Mike's background, look to the sky during the week of April 19-25, 2009. It will be the 18th Annual Sky Awareness Week, a celebration we began to foster an awareness of the natural world.

Math Cartoons...

Cartoons can sometimes provide great insights into math and science concepts.

Click [here](#) for one cartoon that addresses the recent emphasis on "zeroes."

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New SAT Math Prep Classes Forming

As one successful math SAT prep class ends, two new classes are forming. The classes address test taking skills, SAT question decoding and math content understanding. Each 13-hour class costs \$486 (which includes the Prep book).

One class, designed for students taking the SAT on May 2nd, will meet on the following Saturday mornings:

- March 21 (2 hours)
- March 28 (2 hours)
- April 11 (3 hours)
- April 18 (3 hours)
- April 25 (3 hours)

The second class, for students taking the SAT on June 6th, will meet on:

- May 2 (2 hours)
- May 9 (2 hours)
- May 16 (3 hours)
- May 23 (3 hours)
- May 30 (3 hours)

Classes are limited to a dozen students and are available on a first-come basis.

Comparable language arts prep classes (one hour per session) are held during weekday afternoons. And we have also begun offering preparatory one-on-one tutoring for the AP Calculus exam.

Summer Math Camps: late July-early August

Mathworks is currently developing a schedule for week-long math camps in late July and early August, just before the 2009-2010 school year begins. The camps will focus on a review of the previous year's subject matter with a look ahead to the upcoming year's content.

Mathworks' tutoring team will use games, activities, discussions, drill and practice and other approaches to help students gain the needed understanding and confidence to start the school year off on the right foot.

Current planning has camps spanning

either a single grade or at most two grades. The camp schedule is currently being developed.

The camps would meet for about 2 ½ hours each day during a single week (total of 12 ½ contact hours) and would cost \$450. In addition to the camp experience, each student would receive a copy of grade-level appropriate math resource book. This book offers an easy-to-use, easy-to-understand compilation of math concepts that students can refer to throughout the upcoming school year.



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Don't Wait...

Based on experience and formal educational training, we know that weakness in math (or "math anxiety") during the elementary school years, translates into a greater insecurity by the time the student reaches high school.

Rather than have your child lose valuable learning years, we encourage parents to address any weakness in math skills as soon as possible.

Often a brief period of tutoring in grades 3 through 5 can translate into a much longer period of math success. And, the cost for "preventative medicine" is far less than remedial tutoring later on.

Similarly, preparing for SAT/ACT exams is best done over a three-month period before taking the exam. This is especially important in language arts where vocabulary building is involved.

Math articles at Associated Content

H. Michael Mogil, one of the Mathworks principals, is starting to post math-related (and other) articles at Associated Content, an online media web site.

You can read all these articles at

http://www.associatedcontent.com/user/279771/h_michael_mogil.html

or you can link to the SAT Prep article alone at

http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/1254036/surviving_the_math_sat_scholastic_aptitude.html?cat=4

About Mathworks...

Mathworks Tutoring, LLC is a locally owned and operated math tutoring business. Although we are only in our third full year, we have developed a reputation of providing focused math support to students in grades 3 through college, including SAT, ACT and ASVAB preparation. With a team of more than a dozen tutors, we now also offer SAT language arts tutoring, homework helping, and even tutoring in other subjects upon request. Most of our client families have given us the highest marks for helping their child not only improve their grades but also understand math or language arts concepts.

Our tutors are either certified teachers or have extensive workplace experience. All are background-checked and subscribe to the Mathworks educational philosophy of providing focused help to each student.

Mathworks is owned by Barbara Levine and H. Michael Mogil.

