

MATH IN MOTION

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Purpose

- Get students moving during math time
- Embedded enrichment and reinforcement
- Fun way to also introduce new topics
- Physical manifestation of mathematics

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Stuff You've Probably Seen

- Around the World
- Card on forehead
- Act out word & logic problems

Warmups

- Jump skip counting
- Hand game skip counting
- Walking skip counting
- “Stand by” math
- Number line → self-organize
- Arrays and Formations

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Handshakes

- How many handshakes in a group?
- Arithmetic and counting
- Algebraic thinking, number sequences, combinatorics
- Social development

Let's Try It!

- Discuss and predict
- How many unique handshakes?
- 3 people \rightarrow ? handshakes
- 4 people \rightarrow ? handshakes
- 5 people \rightarrow ? handshakes
- Formula?

Traveling Salesman Problem

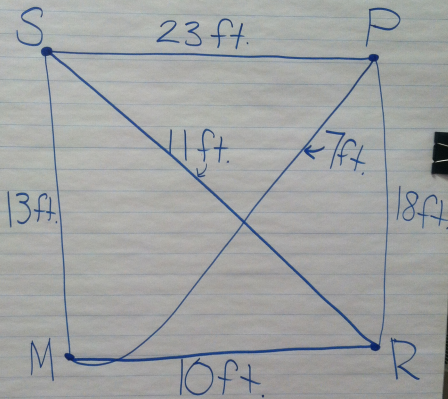
- Optimal path finding (shortest route)
- Arithmetic
- Measurement
- Geography [optional]
- Enrichment!

Graph Theory

vertex

vertices

edge



Scissors (S)
Marker (M)

Paper (P)

Rug (R)

Rug, Scissors, Marker, Paper, Rug

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rug \rightarrow 11 ft.

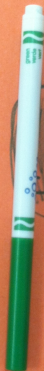
Scissors

Paper \rightarrow 13 ft.

Marker \rightarrow 7 ft.

rug

$$\begin{array}{r} 18 \\ 7 \\ 13 \\ + 11 \\ \hline 49 \text{ ft.} \end{array}$$



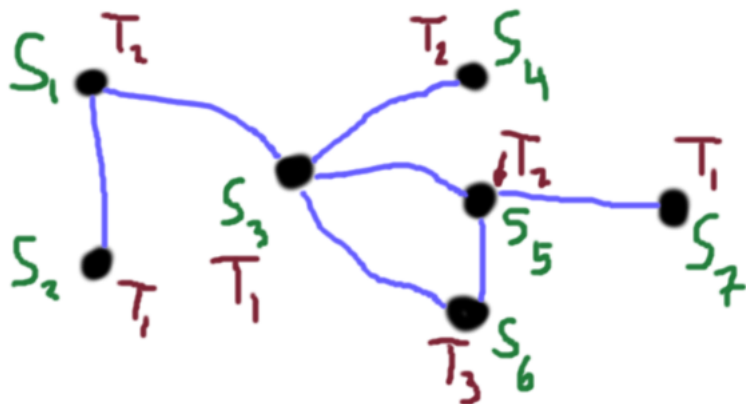
Graph Theory

- How do you arrange classroom seating assignments?
- Logic and reasoning, listening and speaking
- Enrichment: introduces advanced math topic at grade appropriate level

Let's Try It!

- Seven students (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)
- Three tables
- 1 can't sit with 2, 3
- 3 can't sit with 4, 5, 6
- 5 can't sit with 6, 7

One Possible Solution



Programming Without A Computer

- First teacher models being a robot
- Next, students work in groups, with one student being a robot
- Get from location A to B
- Logic & reasoning, speaking & listening, measurement, geometry, programming
- Let's try it out!

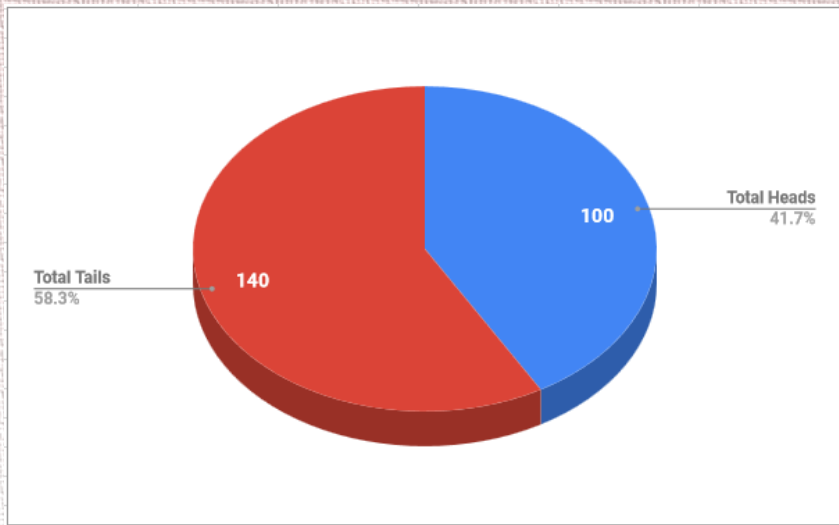
Event Based Programming

- When the lights go out:
→ stand up, flap your wings, ^{quack} like a duck
- When the timer chimes: ^{duck}
→ act and sound like any animal you choose



Coin Flip!

- Heads or tails?
- Year-long classroom activity
- Probability, statistics, graphing
- Recording data, interpreting data
- Scientific observation



Cryptography Scavenger Hunt

- Find the items!
- Language & spelling, arithmetic, algebra
- Enrichment: introduces advanced math topic at grade appropriate level

Try It Out!

- ZJPZZVYZ
- WLUJPS
- THYRLY
- JHSLUKHY
- JVTWBALY

Write one spelling word in each
sentences. Underline the spelling word.

1. E Q T A J L Z V S Q

Please
use
Sheet

A K A F February

to
figure
it

2. January A K L H W

out.

X A J R L E G F H of the year

This was a student who normally would have been bored by spelling homework. However, having learned about Caesar ciphers, she decided to "encode" some of the sentences with her own personal cipher.

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Other Activities

- Set Theory
 - start noticing your surroundings!
- Shadows & Measurement
 - geometry, trigonometry, physics
- Talk to us about professional development at your school!
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