

PRODUCT EXAMPLES FOR MATHEMATICS

Examples of potential products

- ACROSTIC—Use a concept or topic word, such as *division* or *factorials*. Students brainstorm and write for each letter a significant word, phrase, or sentence related to the topic that begins with that letter.
- BIO POEM—Students create a bio poem for *integer*.
- BULLETIN BOARD—Create a bulletin board for students to post mathematical applications, such as: *Ways to Make 78*, or *Examples of Geometry in Architecture*.
- CENTER (STUDENT MADE)—Students use tangrams to create the ten digits and all the letters of the alphabet.
- CHILDREN'S STORY (ILLUSTRATED)—Students write and illustrate a story to explain a math concept. As examples, read Cindy Neuschwander's *Sir Cumference* series.*
- COLLAGE—Small groups of students organize collages showing fractions in daily life.
- CONTENT PUZZLES—Students write math facts on a simple graphic outline and cut it into ten to fifteen puzzle pieces for others to put back together by correctly matching the problem and the solution.
- DEMONSTRATION—Students use manipulatives to demonstrate multiplication to a younger student.
- ERROR ANALYSIS—Students analyze a problem that is flawed, writing what is wrong and how to correct it.
- FLOW CHART—Students draw and label a flow chart that illustrates how to apply a specific math strategy or geometric proof.
- GAME—Students create a stock market game or math fact rodeo for others to play.
- LETTER (MATH PROCESS)—Students complete one math problem and then write a letter to someone explaining step-by-step how they completed that problem.
- MATH TRACKS—Students draw a long track on a paper and then write one number at the beginning of the track and a different number at the end. Starting at the first number, they use any appropriate operations (as simple as addition or complex as algebra) to create a continuous equation that concludes with the number at the end of the track.
- METAPHOR OR SIMILE—Students express a mathematical concept through a metaphor or simile, such as: *Addition is like compound words, and subtraction is like contractions*.
- NUMBER CHALLENGE—Set a challenge number for pairs of students to reach using dice and any appropriate math operation or formula (as simple as addition or complex as algebra).
- QUESTIONNAIRE—Students conduct questionnaires asking adults how math is needed in their jobs, and graph the results.
- REVERSE CROSSWORD PUZZLE—Provide the completed puzzle grid of numbers. Students write the math facts that resulted in those numbers.
- RIDDLE—Students develop simple or more complex riddles, such as: *I am an odd number larger than six and smaller than the square root of eighty-one*.
- SCAVENGER HUNT—Provide a list of math terms for students to find examples in the real world. Students then compare and discuss their findings.
- TEST (ORIGINAL)—Instead of taking a test, students write the test items for the math process or concept of study.
- WRITTEN REPORT—Students write: 1. A report about the authentic applications of a polygon; 2. A report regarding how and why different traffic and information signs are specific polygons; or 3. A report relating how geometry applies to baseball or some other sport.

* Neuschwander, C. (1997). *Sir Cumference and the first round table*. (1999). *Sir Cumference and the dragon of pi*. (2002). *Sir Cumference and the great knight of angleland*. (2003). *Sir Cumference and the sword in the cone*. (2006). *Sir Cumference and the Isle of Immeter*. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge.