# BUILDING COMMUNITY, TEACHING MATH, OR BOTH? THE ANSWER IS "BOTH".

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## MET'S MISSION STATEMENT

The Mathematics Education Trust channels the generosity of contributors through the creation and funding of grants, awards, honors, and other projects that support the improvement of mathematics teaching and learning.



### 7-12 CLASSROOM RESEARCH GRANT

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Purpose of this grant is to support and encourage classroom-based research in precollege mathematics education

Research must be a collaborative effort



### 7-12 CLASSROOM RESEARCH GRANT Possible Research

- Curriculum development/implementation
- Involvement of at-risk or minority students
- Students' thinking about a particular math concept or set of concepts
- Connection of mathematics to other disciplines
- Focused learning and teaching of math with embedded use of technology
- Innovative assessment or evaluation strategies



## MET GRANT APPLICATIONS

- Due twice per year
  - First week of May
  - First week of November
- Typically for one year of work
- Applications are brief
- Funding within two months



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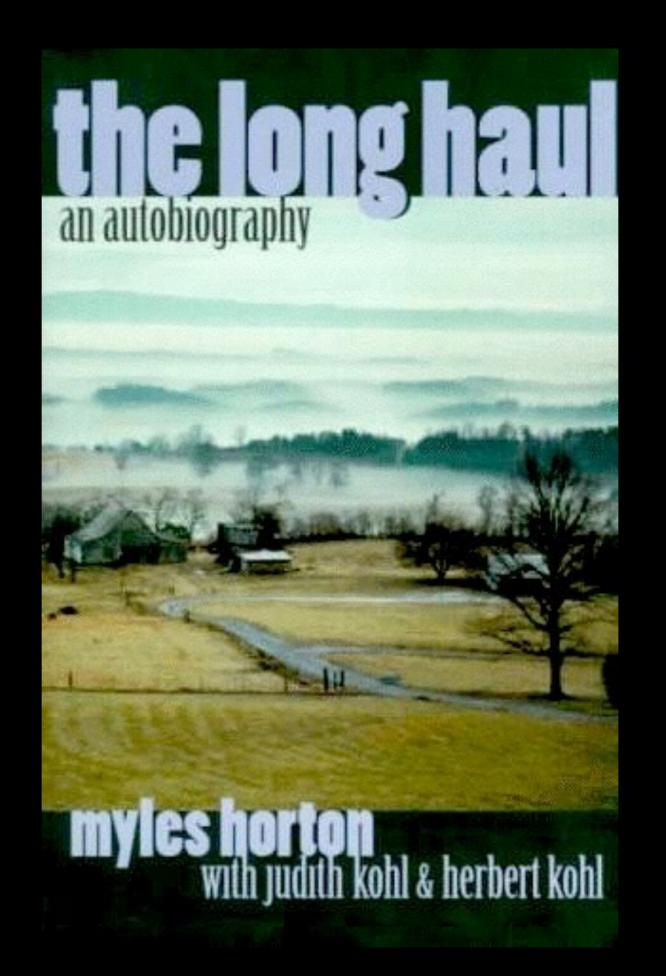
### CREATING SPACE FOR ADVANCING THE PROGRESSIVE TEACHING OF MATHEMATICS





**SPACE** the freedom and scope to live, think, and develop...

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**RESEARCH OUESTIONS** What does it look like to create space for teachers to advance their teaching practice given the pressures of highstakes testing?

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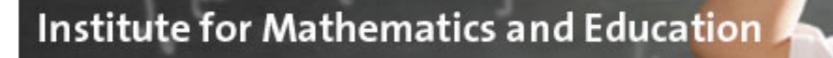
How do you sustain professional learning?



### **Circuit Training -- Solving Quadratic Equations (Mixed Methods)**

Beginning in cell #1, solve the quadratic equation by the indicated method. In each case, to advance in the circuit, you will need to *do something* with your solutions and then hunt for that answer. Mark the next cell #2 and proceed in this manner until you complete the circuit.

Answer: -1.2 #1 Solve by factoring: $x^2 - 9 = 0$ .	Answer: $\frac{5}{2}$ # Solve $x(x - 1) = 30$ by factoring.
Now, find the product of your solutions.	Now, find the sum of your solutions.
Answer: 16.75 # Solve by the quadratic formula. $x^2 - 2x = 8$	Answer: 0.7 # Solve by completing the square. To advance in the circuit, hunt for twice the larger root. $x^2 - 9x + 3 = 0$
Now, find the smaller answer.	
Answer: $-\frac{7}{3}$ # Solve by factoring $x^2 - 2x - 8 = 0$ .	Answer: 1 # Solve by graphing. Sketch the picture! $9 - x^2 = -7$
Now, find the larger of your two solutions.	Now, find the smaller of your answers.



### Progressions Documents for the Common Core Math Standards

### Funded by the Brookhill Foundation

### Progressions

- Draft Front Matter
- Draft K-6 Progression on Geometry
- Draft K-5 Progression on Measurement and Data (measurement part)
- Draft K-5 progression on Measurement and Data (data part)
- Draft K-5 Progression on Number and Operations in Base Ten
- Draft K-5 Progression on Counting and Cardinality and Operations and Algebraic Thinking
- Draft 3–5 Progression on Number and Operations—Fractions
- Draft 6–8 Progression on Statistics and Probability
- Draft 6–8 Progression on Expressions and Equations
- Draft 6–8 Progression on The Number System; High School, Number
- Draft 6–7 Progression on Ratios and Proportional Relationships
- Draft High School Progression on Statistics and Probability
- Draft High School Progression on Algebra
- Draft High School Progression on Functions
- Draft High School Progression on Modeling



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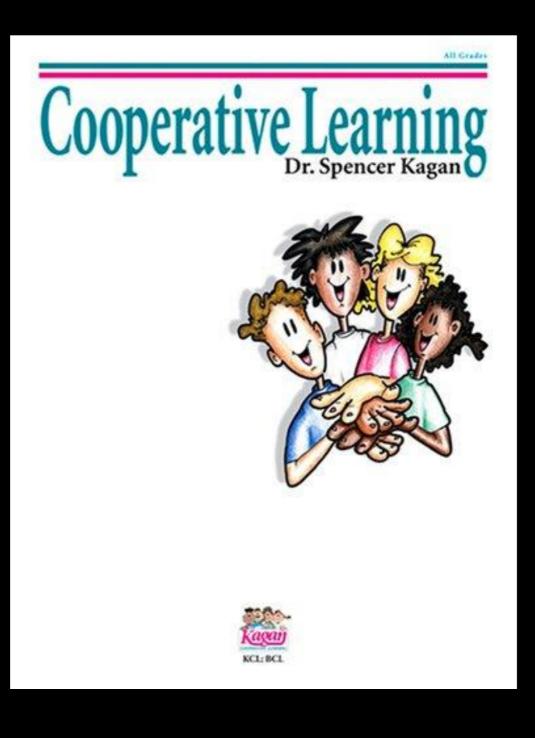
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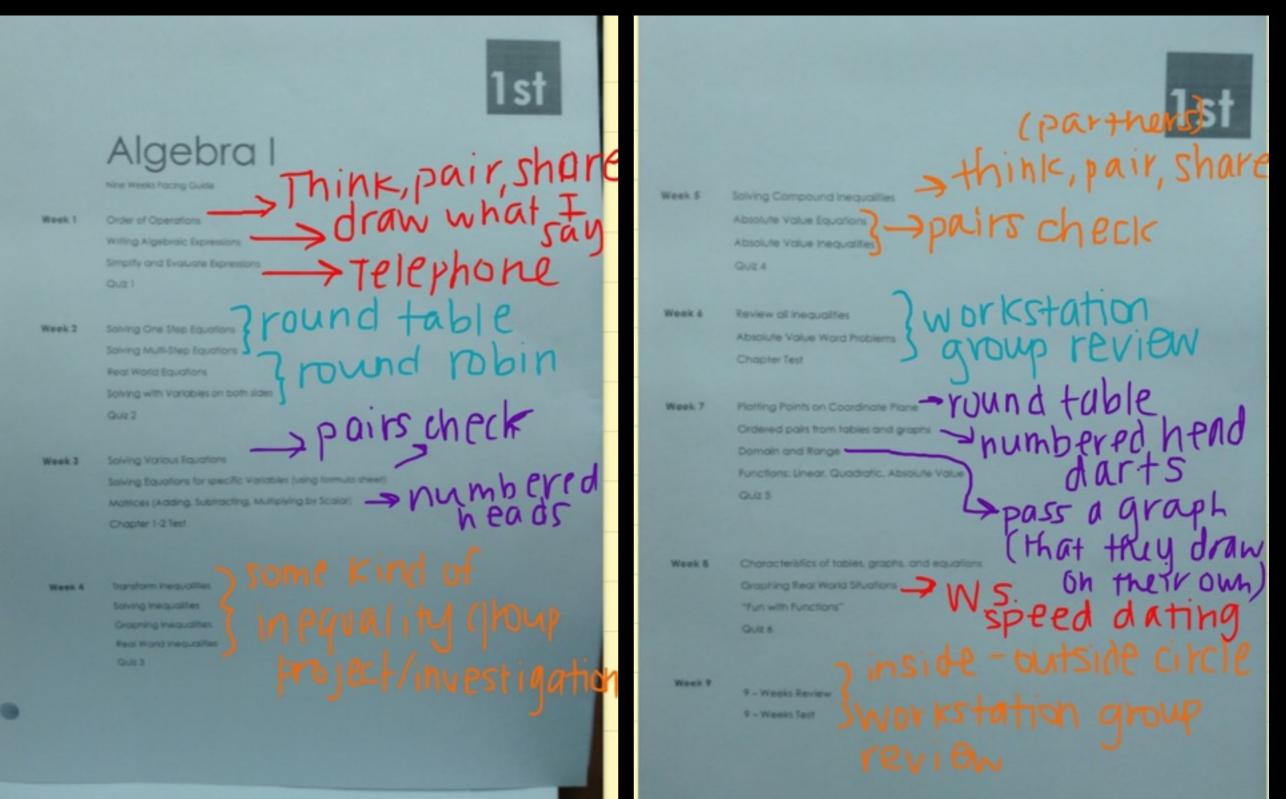
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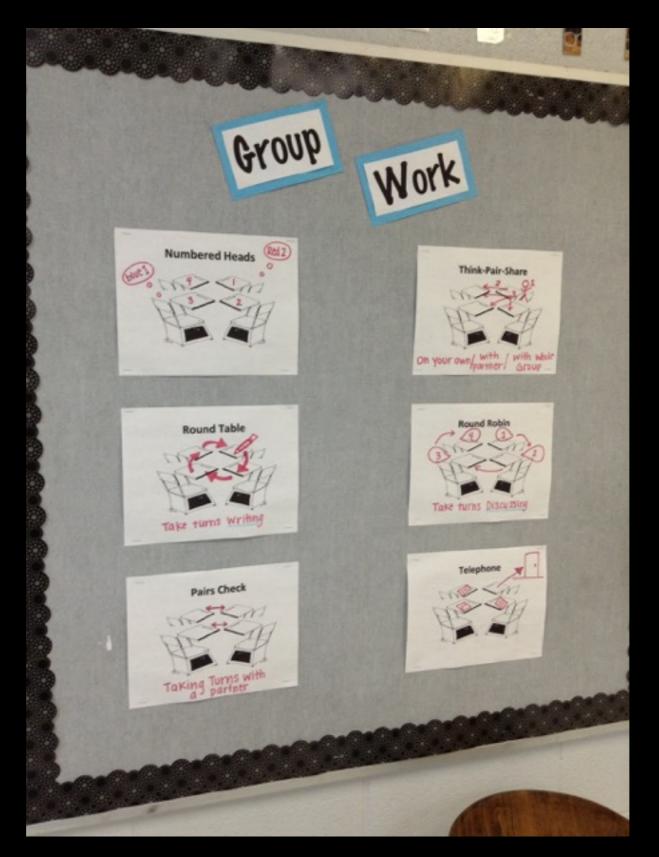
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# Starting Expectations

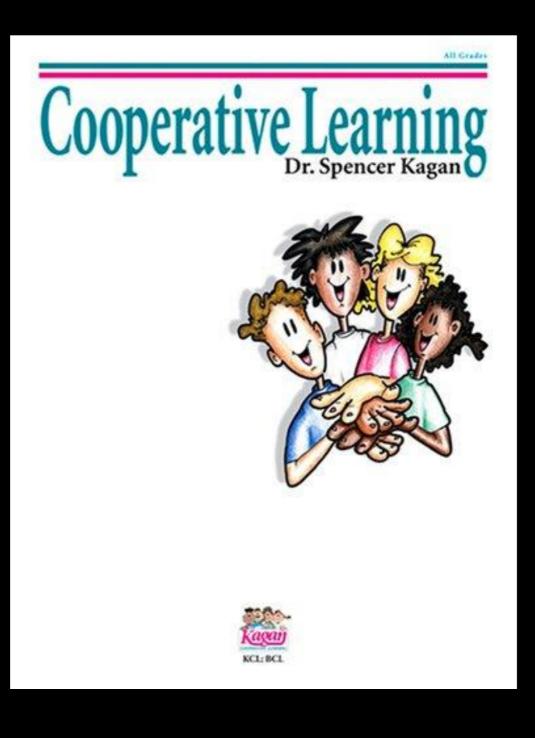


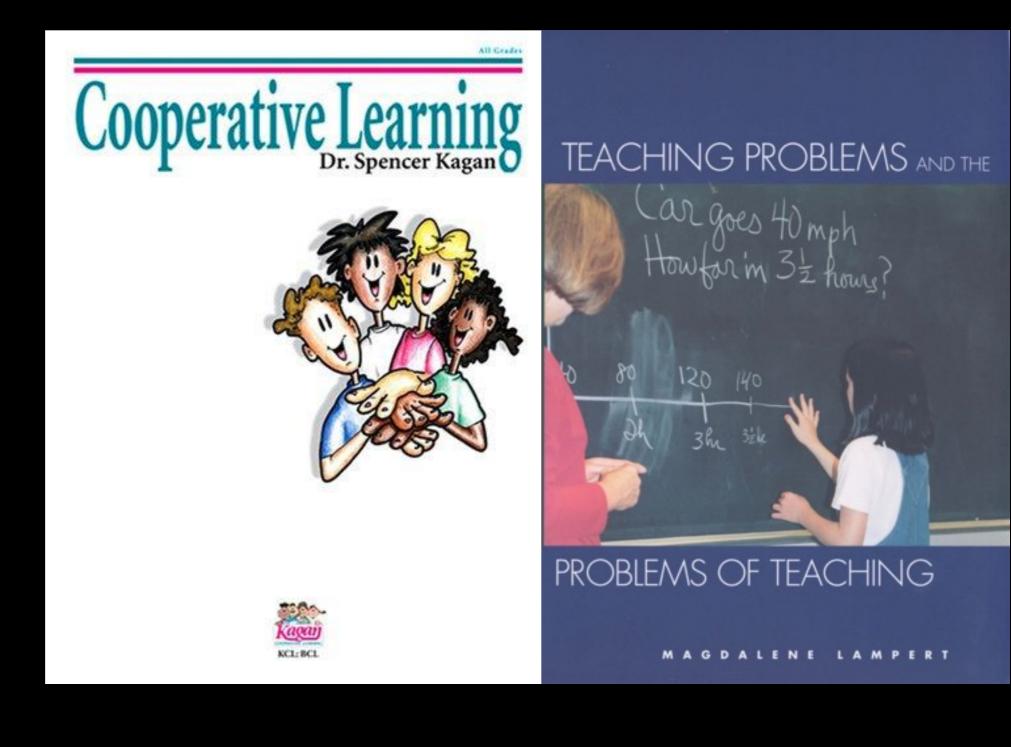
### Fitting Group Work to the Math



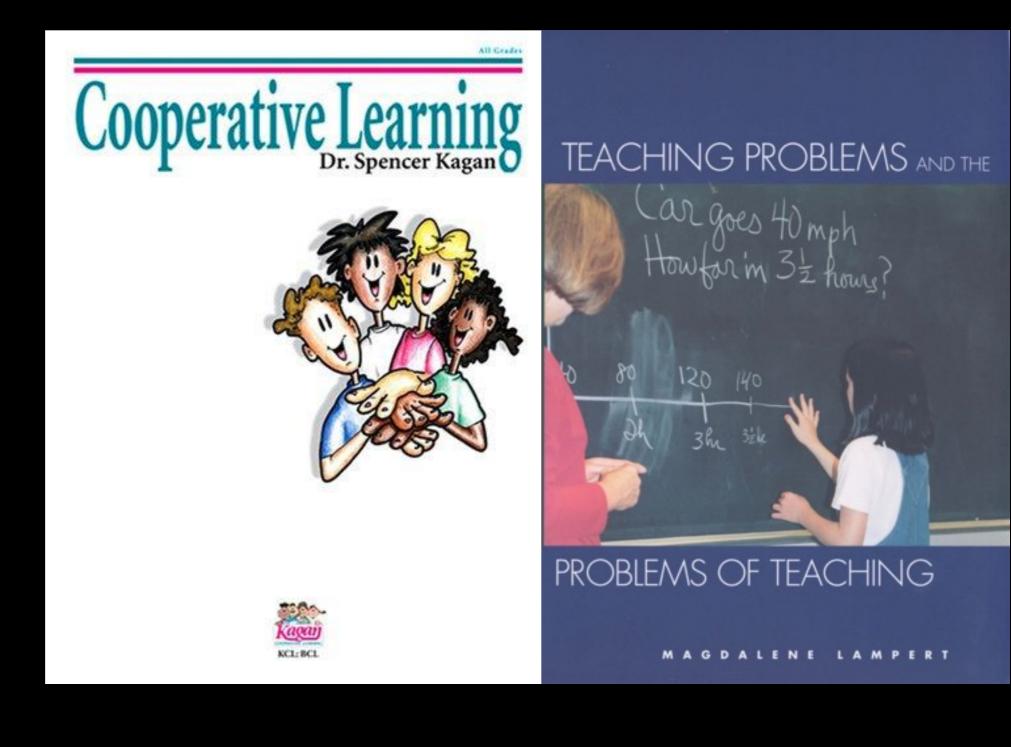
### How the classroom looked

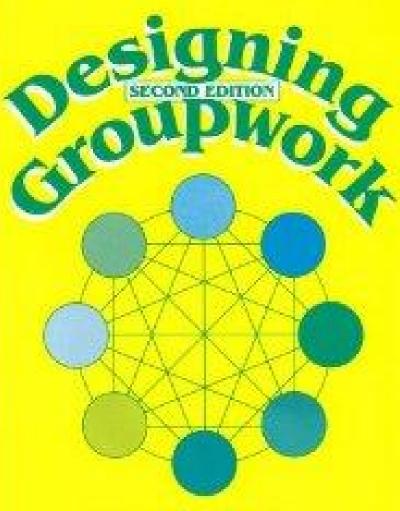






She said she was puzzled by her 6th period class, and she even said "embarassed". She said she didn't know how to handle the class because they are constantly talking and cannot efficiently deliver material. She was embarassed by their behavior and didn't know what to do.





Strategies for the Heterogeneous Classroom

> ELIZABETH G. COHEN Foreword by John L Goodlad







### TEACHING PROBLEMS and THE Cargoes 40 mph Howform 32 hours?

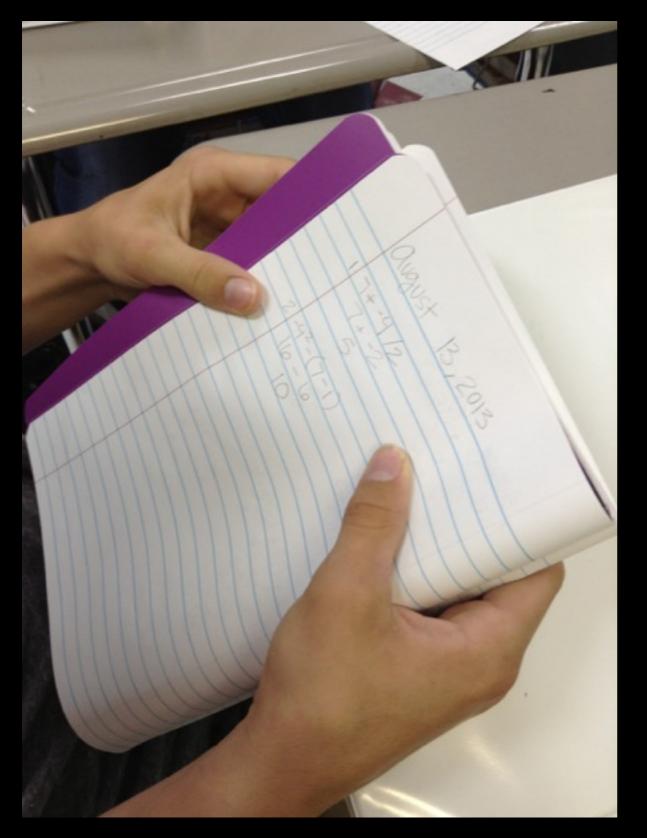
### PROBLEMS OF TEACHING

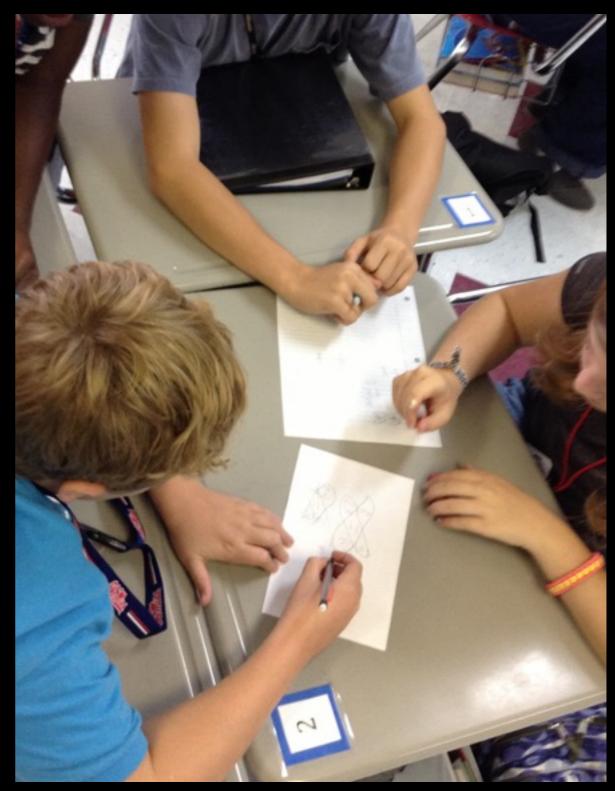
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### Progression of the Bell Ringer



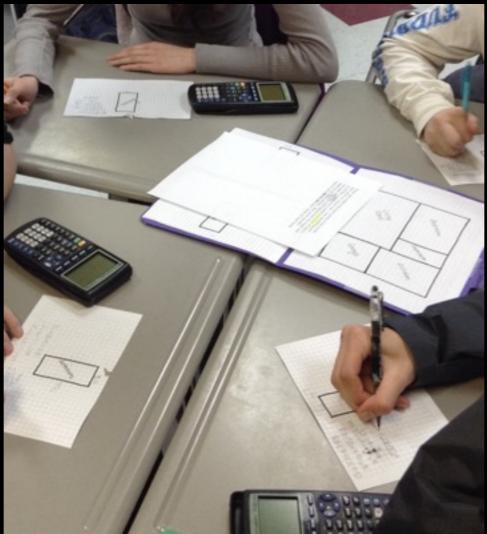


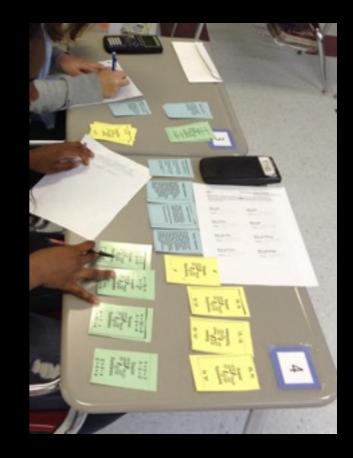
### In, Around, and Outside of the Classroom

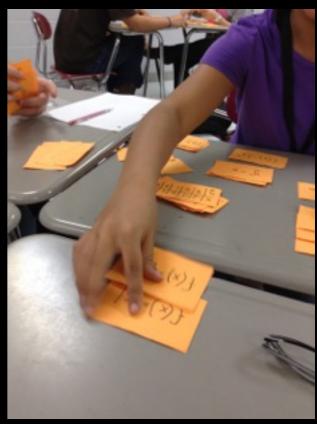


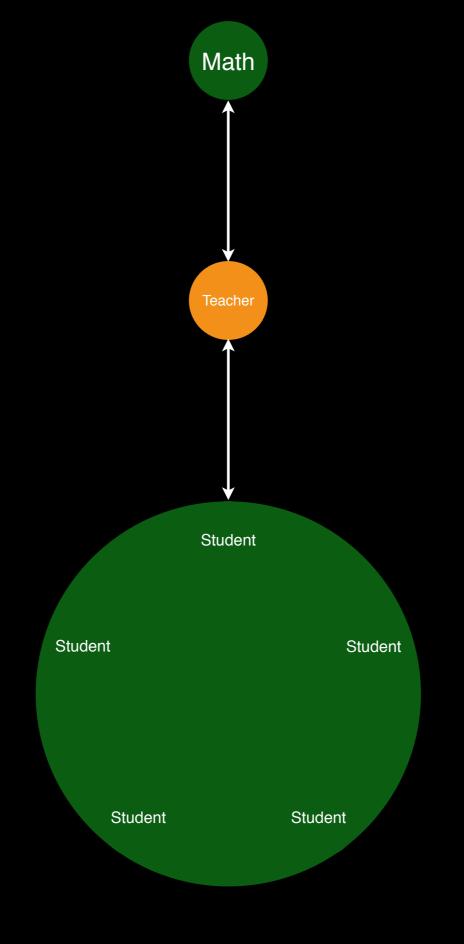
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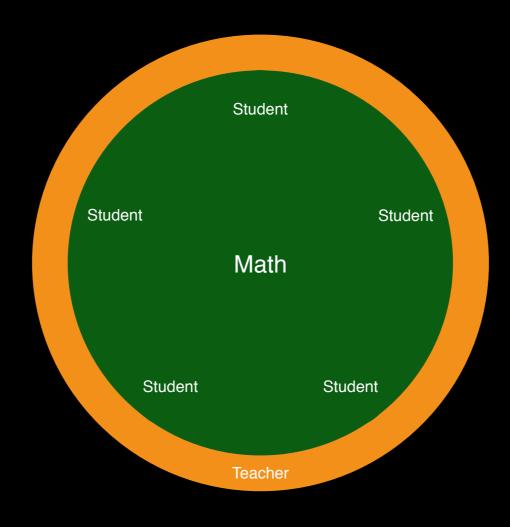












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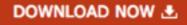


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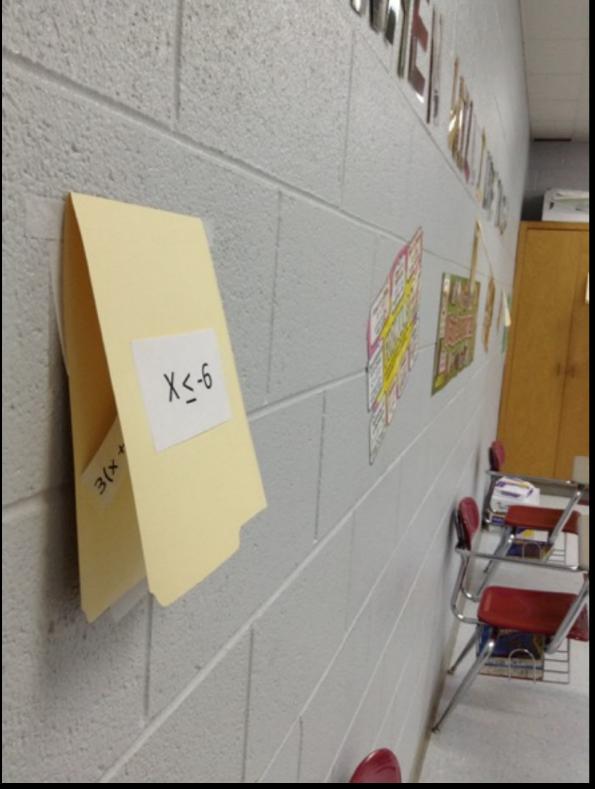
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