



Elementary Mathematics Professional Learning

Journaling



Students use journaling to record their thoughts, understandings, and explanations about mathematical ideas. Writing gives students and teachers valuable information about how students are learning math.



provides useful information for teachers about learning difficulties, incorrect assumptions, and student's progress in communicating about mathematics. Students shift the emphasis of their work from finding the "right" answer to a metacognitive exploration of how their problem-solving works.

Journaling focuses on developing the following Mathematical Processes:

Writing about mathematics helps students articulate their thinking, and

- Communication
- Connections



How to use Math Journals

http://math.about.com/od/mathlessonplans/a/MathJournals.htm http://www2.ups.edu/community/tofu/lev1f/jourframe.htm http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/lesson_images/lesson820/FAQ.pdf



Video - Math Journals: A record for Students and Teacher: https://www.teachingchannel.org/videos/math-journals
Some good questions that lead students to write down their thoughts: http://www2.ups.edu/community/tofu/lev1f/jourframe.htm

Talking, Writing, and Reasoning: Making Thinking Visible with Math Journals http://tinyurl.com/2e32sci

Why use a Math Journal, and what are the characteristics of a great math journal: http://www.k-5mathteachingresources.com/math-journals.html Journaling in Math

https://www.teachervision.com/math/letters-and-journals/48947.html

A research monograph from Ontario regarding creating an environment that allows students to reflect.

In English: http://tinyurl.com/jk7jlj4
In French: http://tinyurl.com/jxal8vk

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