# Math Workstations in Action (3-5)



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**Office Hours:** Virtual office hours are by appointment. We can meet through virtual face to face conference or by phone. Email me for an appointment.

#### **Required Text/Materials:**

- 1. Math Workstations in Action by Dr. Nicki Newton
- 2. Links will be provided throughout the course for suggested readings and activities

**Course Description:** Math Workstations in Action is a course designed to explore how to design, set-up, implement and evaluate math workstations. Throughout the course we will discuss various models and what teachers are trying in their own classrooms. The sessions will follow the chapters in the book.

**Course Goals/Student Learning Outcomes:** The goal of this course is that teachers fully understand and can implement Math Workstations by the end of the course. Teachers should be able to describe what it is, how to do it, how to organize the classroom, how to manage the math workstations, how to implement the structure of math workstations with their current curriculum and how to assess students in math workstation work and to evaluate their effectiveness in using this instructional strategy.

**Instructional Methods:** Throughout this course we will use a variety of instructional methods, including mini-lectures, discussions, readings and videos.

**Grading:** Your grade will be based on the following percentages: You must get at least 75% to pass the class.

Introductory survey & Preassessment –	20%
Describing your class currently.	
Discussing current knowledge about	
math workstations.	
Online Quizzes – Quizzes on various	25%
modules throughout the course	
Final Exam –Math Workstation Exam	30%
Completion of all modules	25%

Important Dates: You have 90 days to complete the course upon initiation of the course.

**Academic Integrity:** Please make sure that all your work is your own. You are expected to do your own work and not plagiarize from the work of others. The work is to be reflective of the theories and concepts that we study and the implementation with your class.

Module 1– 1.5 hour*	Place for Purposeful Practice
	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS: What is a math
	workstation? Why do we use them? How do they
	scaffold student achievement?
	<i>Reflection: What is the purpose of math workstation?</i>
	How do we ensure that they provide meaningful
	engagement for all students? What is the role of
	differentiation in workstations?
Module 2– 1.5 hour*	Workstation Management
	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS: How do I organize
	workstations?
	<b>Reflection:</b> What are key components of any
	workstation?
Module 3– 1.5 hour*	Fluency Workstations
	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS: What are the components of
	the fluency workstation?
	see operation games:
	https://www.multiplication.com/
	https://www.mathplayground.com/games.html
	http://www.math-play.com/
	<b>Reflection:</b> How does the framework of concrete,
	pictorial and abstract inform the fluency workstation?
Module 4– 1.5 hour*	The Word Problem Workstation

	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS: What are the components
	of the word problem workstation? What are the big
	ideas in this station? What specific skills will
	students be working on? How is the cycle of
	concrete, pictorial and abstract woven throughout
	the activities in this station?
	Links
	http://grogtangmath.com/wordproblems
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	<b>Deflection</b> : Mhat is the number of the word problem
	<b>Rejection:</b> What is the purpose of the word problem
	workstation? How does the framework of concrete,
	pictorial and abstract inform the fluency workstation?
Module 5– 1.5 hour*	Vocabulary and Writing Workstations
	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS: What are the components of
	the vocabulary and writing workstations? What are
	the big ideas in this station? What specific skills will
	students be working on? How is the cycle of
	concrete, pictorial and abstract woven throughout
	the activities in this station?
	Links:
	https://www.spellingcity.com/math-
	<u>vocabulary.html</u>
	http://www.discoveryeducation.com/free-
	puzzlemaker/?CFID=355277&CFTOKEN=12766806
	Google: Building a Bridge to Academic
	Vocabulary in Mathematics
	<b>Reflection:</b> What is the purpose of the vocabulary and
	writing workstation? What does the research tell us
	about teaching and learning vocabulary and how does
	this inform the workstation?
Modulo 6 15 hour*	Digital Workstations
Module 0- 1.5 hour	ESSENTIAL OUESTIONS, How do we meaningfully
	integrating digital access throughout workstations?
	What are the big ideas in this station? What energific
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	skills will students be working on? How is the cycle
	of concrete, pictorial and abstract woven throughout
	the activities in this station?
	Links:
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	ww.google.com%2F
	https://www.mathlearningcenter.org/resources/ap
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	<b>Reflection:</b> what does it mean to have students be
	producers and not only consumers at technology
	workstations in our classroom?
Module 7– 1.5 hour*	Place Value Workstations
	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS: What are the components of the place value workstation? What are the big ideas in this station? What specific skills will students be working on? How is the cycle of concrete, pictorial and abstract woven throughout the activities in this station? <b>Reflection:</b> Why would we keep the place value workstation up all year long? What is the fundamental role of place value in the teaching and learning of math and how does the workstation help to reinforce big ideas and enduring understandings all year long?
Module 8– 1.5 hour*	Fraction Workstations
	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS: What are the components of the fraction workstation? What are the big ideas in this station? What specific skills will students be working on? How is the cycle of concrete, pictorial and abstract woven throughout the activities in this station? Links: http://www.abcya.com/fraction percent decimal til es.htm https://www.mathlearningcenter.org/resources/ap ps Reflection: What is it that we want students to know
	and do in the fraction workstation? What is the role of concrete, pictorial and abstract in this station?
Module 9– 1.5 hour*	Decimal Workstations ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS: What are the components of the decimal workstation? What are the big ideas in this station? What specific skills will students be working on? How is the cycle of concrete, pictorial and abstract woven throughout the activities in this station? Link: http://www.abcya.com/fraction_percent_decimal_til es.htm Reflection: What is it that we want students to know and do in the decimal workstation? What is the role of concrete, pictorial and abstract in this station?

Module 10– 1.5 hour*	Measurement Workstations ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS: What are the components of the measurement workstation? What are the big ideas in this station? What specific skills will students be working on? How is the cycle of concrete, pictorial and abstract woven throughout the activities in this station? <i>Reflection:</i> What is it that we want students to know and do in the measurement workstation? What is the role of concrete, pictorial and abstract in this station?
Module 11– 1.5 hour*	Geometry Workstations ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS: What are the components of the geometry workstation? What are the big ideas in this station? What specific skills will students be working on? How is the cycle of concrete, pictorial and abstract woven throughout the activities in this station? Link: https://www.mathlearningcenter.org/resources/ap ps Reflection: What is it that we want students to know and do in the geometry workstation? What is the role of concrete, pictorial and abstract in this station?
Module 12– 1.5 hour*	<b>Assessment</b> ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS: How are you assessing the workstations? What is the evidence that students are practicing and learning in a meaningful way?

\*Each module will be 1.5 hours including videos, reflection, discussion and external links to readings and videos

Readings: Math Workstations in Action: Powerful Possibilities for Engaged Learners in Grades 3-5 (2017, Newton)

Additional Resources: Throughout the course there are several links with additional information. These links are also shown here on the syllabus.

Discussion Board: There is a discussion board in the course. Students are encouraged to contribute to the ongoing discussion of the course.

Materials: Book

#### Examples of Quizzes:

### Module 2:

- 1. How do you plan for student engagement at each station?
- 2. How do you hold students accountable at each station?
- 3. Name 3 structures for setting up games at stations?
- 4. What are the groupings that students can do? How does this impact learning?
- 5. How do you scaffold effective transfer from the games that students play to the ways in which they will be held accountable for content knowledge and skills on state exams?

## Module 8

- 1. Why and how should this station be leveled?
- 2. What are the different types of models for teaching fractions and how are they integrated into the workstation?
- 3. What does the cycle of engagement look like in the fraction workstation?
- 4. When and for how long should this station be up?
- 5. Name 3 types of activities that students might do in this station.