## September 2018

# The Number Sensation

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# **Student Activity Conference—Free Knowledge!**

If you haven't attended a UIL SAC yet, and you have the opportunity, DO IT! It was worth the 2-hour drive for me to take my 10<sup>th</sup> grader. Larry White, as usual, was insightful, entertaining, and helpful. He introduced several new concepts—and new twists on old concepts—which I've highlighted in my Number Sense Challenge tests 022 & 023.

## 20-Week Road Map to Becoming a Champion

Many students, parents, and coaches ask me: "Where do I start?" I've tried to take the mystery out of number sense training. So I've spent scores of hours studying which concepts:

- Appear on tests, where on the test, and how often;
- Should be taught before others;
- Are "companions"—or solved in similar ways;
- Are the most problematic (most often missed);
- Appear in all 3 levels of competition (EL, MS, & HS); and
- Appear in some levels, but not others.

With this information, I have split all the concepts into grade levels:

- 3rd (EL questions 1-20), 4th (Q 21-50), & 5th (Q 51-80)
- 6<sup>th</sup> (MS Q 1-20), 7<sup>th</sup> (Q 21-50), & 8<sup>th</sup> (Q 51-80)
- 9th (HS Q 1-20), 10th (Q 21-40), 11th (Q 41-60), & 12th (Q 61-80)

I've written step-by-step <u>curriculum</u> for each grade, and I've now created a 20-week <u>syllabus</u> for each grade—which guides a student at any level through every relevant concept for the year. Each week, the student does 2-4 lessons (EL) or 4-6 lessons (MS, HS), so they can be the most prepared for STATE competitions in the spring. Like Maui always says, "<u>You're welcome!</u>"





## **Upcoming Events**

#### October 2

### Lubbock Mathletic Expo 2018

#### October 20

Wild Westerner Acacemic UIL tourney at Lubbock HS

#### October 27

Fall Festival at TTU Library

### **Maps of Upcoming Meets**

### **Tricked Out**

August's most-missed Q's:

EL: SubFracSame

 $\frac{11}{15} - \frac{8}{15} =$ \_\_\_ (fraction)

MS: FindLCM

The smallest number > 40 that has a remainder of 2 when divided by 3 & 7 is \_\_\_\_

HS: ConvVolume

1 bushel + 1 gallon = \_\_\_ gallons

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### **Word Search Contest**

**Circle each** word in the word search below. Once you are done, the **unused letters** will spell out a secret phrase (this month's prize).

Send the secret phrase back in an email to numdojo@gmail.com. Each person with a correct answer will be entered in a drawing for the free prize! (\$199 value)

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## **TMSCA State Elementary Meet!**

For the first time, TMSCA is holding a State Meet this year for **grades 3-5**:

- Number Sense
- Calculator
- Math
- Science

Instead of traveling to San Antonio, schools who enter this contest will host it at their **own** campus (virtually).

For **only \$50**, TMSCA member schools can have unlimited entries in all 4 events. Send the results to TMSCA. and they will send out awards to the winners.

The contest runs from April 22<sup>nd</sup> - May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Word List: Blog, Coaching, Curriculum, Flash Cards, Index, iPhone app, Lesson, Maps, Mathing Bee, News, Pear Deck, Syllabus, Tests, Tutoring, Videos, Worksheets

# Try out the Weekly Number Sense Challenge!

Can't wait to start competing again? Then don't wait!

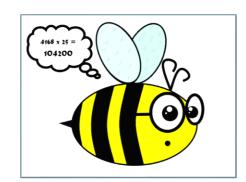
Here's how it works:

- 1. **Download and take** the test
- 2. **Scan** the completed test **and send** it back
- 3. We'll grade your test and post the results & rankings.

Available for Elementary, Middle School, and High School!

See <a href="http://www.numberdojo.com/nschallenge.html">http://www.numberdojo.com/nschallenge.html</a>.

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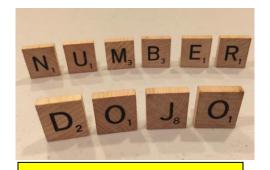
# Texas State Mathing Bee

This year's State Mathing Bee is scheduled for March 9th, 2019. There are **3 ways to participate**:

- 1. Register to hold your own Mathing Bee at your school.
- 2. Host an invitational Mathina Bee as part of a UIL or TMSCA contest.
- 3. Be a grade-level winner of any Number Sense Challenge.

Grade-level winners will advance to Regionals, with a chance to move on to State!

More details are found here.



Also check out our:

Curriculum, Practice Tests, <u>Indexes</u>, and <u>Flashcards!</u>

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