



Subject: Math

Grade Level: Elementary School - 5th Grade

DI Strategy: Must Do/Can Do

Elementary Math Learning Path Must Do/Can Do Lesson

As a way to teach Math lessons to my elementary students, I created “Learning Paths”. These allowed students to move through the lessons at their own pace and provided them opportunities for choice in the activities that they were completing. “Learning Paths” also had an element of Must Do/Can Do to them. There were certain activities that all students must complete and then there were other activities that students could choose between. The activities found along the “Learning Path” included problems from the textbook, online resources, projects, games, teacher created videos, task cards, or challenge activities.

All “Learning Paths” began with the students taking a pre-assessment. This allowed me divide the students into 3-4 small groups based on the results of the pre-assessment. Group 1 (the lowest group) would always start the “Learning Path” with their “Teach Check-In”. This was the small group instruction that students received geared toward their current level of understanding. This group of students needed to receive direct instruction on the concept being taught before they could begin on the other activities on the “Learning Path”. While I worked with Group 1, the other groups began working on their “Learning Path”. As I completed the small group instruction with Group 1, I progressed through the other groups until I had met with all of the small groups. Each would receive a different small group instruction based on the needs of that group.

Depending on the math concept being covered by that “Learning Path”, some were sequential. This required students to move through the path in a specific manor. Other “Learning Paths” allowed students to move through the options in the order they chose. Still other paths provided the students with options to choose from while completing the “Learning Path”. Every “Learning Path” ended with a Challenge option. If students completed the other activities along the path, they could then choose to complete the Challenge option.