

Synopsis

This takes the fear out of math and puts the fun back in.

Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 4

Customer Reviews

In my third grade classroom, I used the first part of this colorful book to introduce fractions, both equivalent and adding fractions. They loved the hands-on Pizza Math! We also used the last half of the book to introduce a weighing activity and a discussion of money. The students gave it a definite thumbs up. As a teacher I found the colorful illustrations helpful to the students and appreciate the simple presentation of each concept.

Fraction Fun is a great picture book to introduce fractions to a classroom. David Adler explains the concept of fractions by using slices of a pizza pie. Then by engaging the reader into a simple and fun activity, called Pizza Math, the children learn how fractions can be more than, less than, and equal to each other. Next, the children learn how to use fractions in weight. The children are encouraged to weigh pennies, nickels, pencils, and tissues, all to determine their weight in fractions. Sound complicated? Not with Adler's colorful illustrations, clear directions and the simple, hands on activities. The children learn without much effort and have fun too.

This book had several hands-on activities that were very useful as an introductory lesson for any students or remediation for students who are struggling with the concept of fractions. The activities are also very visual and worked well with the special education students with whom I used it. I easily thought of several extensions of the activities as well so I thought this book was well worth the money. It did proceed very quickly from one type of fraction example to another so I just broke up the activities over several days.

A great book which covers both concepts and applications in a colorful yet simple format. But...international customers should think twice if they use metric measurement and currency systems!

Great book that relates fractions to kids' lives - like "I'm 7 and a half years old" and pizza slices. It walks through four hands-on projects to demonstrate different aspects of fractions like what happens to the fraction as the numerator and denominator change and how fractions figure into weight. My first grader really liked the activity with the weight of coins. The book encourages kids to keep on the lookout for fractions in their daily lives like when a glass is partially full and when they've read one chapter of a book. Encouraged, my daughter is telling me every fraction she sees now. :) The reading level is grade 4 and the concepts range from very beginning to more intermediate.

Use this book with caution; potential for development of math misconceptions is great. A fraction is a number which composed of three parts: the numerator which tells you the number of pieces you are considering, the fraction bar, and the denominator which tells how many pieces are in the whole. Meaning is not brought to the math terms numerator and denominator; actually they are not included at all. Instead the author calls them the number on the top and the number on the bottom. As a user of this book, the reader needs to develop what is missing to help students more clearly understand fractions.

A great book for teaching fractions that helps students learn about fractions and enjoy reading at the same time! Very enjoyable read!

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