

Math Autobiography

|| Question #1:

Write down some of the early math accomplishments that you remember from when you were little. For instance, when and how did you learn to count? How old were you when you could first count to one hundred? Who taught you? How did they teach you? Did you show off this new talent to others? (another example: learning your multiplication tables)

|| Question #2:

Was math ever your favorite subject? If so, when was it? What about math made it your favorite? If math has never been your favorite subject, what about it do you not like?

|| Question #3:

From your experience, do you think boys or girls tend to like math better? What makes you think this?

|| Question #4:

Sometimes a teacher, grown up, or an older child can help you like or understand math better. Did that ever happen to you? If so, tell me about it.

|| Question #5:

Sometimes people can recognize a time when their opinion of math dramatically changed either for the better or for the worse. If such a time happened for you, tell me about it. If you did not experience such a thing, tell about your steady feelings about mathematics.

|| Question #6:

Usually, students think what they learn in math is only used in the classroom and is really not of much use outside of math class. Think about times you have used something you learned in math in your life outside of math class. List some of those times when you used math outside of school. (Try to think of times besides those involving money)

|| Question #7:

- (a) What year in school was math the *best* for you? What made it a good year in terms of math?
- (b) What year in school was math one of the *worst* for you? What made it a bad year in terms of math?
- (c) How do you think these experiences are affecting your present attitude towards math?

|| Question #8:

What were some of your likes and dislikes in previous math classes? What would you like for us to continue in this math class and why? What would you like for us to not continue and why?

|| Question #9:

Complete these thoughts:

- (a) I learn best when....
- (b) You can help me learn by ...

|| Question #10: What do you expect from yourself this year? Include goals that are academic, social, personal, and/or athletic, etc.