

Strategies for teaching math in 3rd grade.

Developing a strategy for teaching any topic makes your class fun and interesting. You have the minds and attention of your students, so with this learning can take place.

It is good to use the text book but only as a guide. You need to devise realistic methods and questions that can fit your learners need. These can be done during lesson planning. Avoid copying lessons of last year because it doesn't show growth and is not helping you to be creative.

On a general note you can share your 45 minutes of teaching a class into parts. You can do drill, chart and a short game for 15mins. Then go into the main topic of the day. Whenever you introduce a topic, brainstorm on the strategy in which you can use to stir up their interest for the topic. Solve at least 2 to 3 examples and allow the kids to solve some.

Cultivate the habit of going round to check their work rather than waiting for them to submit to you.

It is necessary to create small groups for working among the kids this will help them know their strengths and accept help from their mates.

Charts: the use of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division charts is very important in teaching children. This aids mastery especially when done religiously from simple to complex.

It stirs up their minds for learning that day and provokes critical thinking.

Flash cards serve the same purpose too.

Drills: this consolidates on charts and can be used immediately after the charts. There are different ways we can use these materials to make fun. It is very important to keep records of their progress. The benefit of this is that it lives with the child forever and less frustrating.