

MATH FLUENCY FRAMEWORK

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS

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Understand

Research Framework

- 4 Elements of Fluency
- Cycle of Engagement
- Automaticity
- Practice
- Math Talk
- Modeling Mathematical Thinking
- Students Engagement

Shared Definitions

- School Administrators
- Teachers
- Students
- Parents
- Other Stakeholders (school staff & larger community)
- Mission Statement
- Vision Statement

2

Assess

Get the Data (build fluency profile)

- Do you check to see if the students come into the grade at the beginning of the year with at the fluency level from the grade before?
- Do you focus on fluency for 10 minutes a day, collecting evidence of practice sometimes?
- Do you assess fluency at the beginning, middle and end of the year?
- Is fluency more than a unit of study?
- Is fluency practice differentiated for students depending on where they are on the trajectory?
- Other

Use the Data

- Make an Individual Fluency Plan
- Student Goal Setting
- Make Acceleration Plans
- Map out Daily Fluency Routines

3

Prepare

Classroom Design

- Differentiated Fluency Workstations
- Fluency Anchor Charts (Class Strategy Models Learning Target/ Success Criteria)
- Classroom Library (section on fluency books)

Materials

- Fact Fluency Folders
- Fact Fluency Rings
- Fluency Progressions
- Strategy Anchor Charts
- Model Anchor Charts
- Goal Setting
- Progress Monitoring
- Certificates
- Fact Fluency Parent Brochures/Newsletters by Grade
- Fact Fluency Videos by Operation
- Fact Fluency Website
- Student-created strategy cards
- Core set of manipulatives/ tools (domino, dice, 2 sided counters, cubes, highlighters, colored pencils, different types of paper (grid, centimeter, blank), rulers, number paths, beaded number lines, number lines and hundred grids).
- Plan Family Math Fluency Days & Nights

4

Teach

Instruction

- Daily Routines- Whole Group
- Workstations - Individual, Partners, Small Group
- Guided Math Groups
- Personalized Goal Setting
- Homework

Assessment (Ongoing)

- Math Running Records
- Entrance/Exit Slips
- Observations
- Anecdotal
- Interviews
- Conferring
- Student Reflection

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Reflect/Revise

Analyze the Data (weekly, monthly, quarterly)

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Interpret the Trends and Adjust Instruction Accordingly

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5 Classroom Design

- Differentiated Fluency Workstations
- Fluency Anchor Charts (Class)
 - Strategy
 - Models
 - Learning Target/Success Criteria
- Classroom library (section on fluency books)

6 Materials

- Fact Fluency Folders (Progression, Goal Setting, Progress monitoring, certificates, anchor charts (individual), fluency rings)
- Fact Fluency Parent Brochures/Newsletters by Grade
- Fact Fluency Videos by Operation
- Fact Fluency Website
- Student-created strategy cards
- Core set of manipulatives (domino, dice, 2 sided counters, unifix cubes or snap cubes, highlighter, colored pencils, different types of paper (grid, centimeter, blank), rulers, cuisenaire rods, beaded number lines,

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Research Framework

Beginning Approaching Meeting Exceeding

1.1 4 Elements of Fluency

- Accuracy - Knowing the correct answer and being able to reason out and explain why it is correct
- Efficiency - Given the numbers, understanding ways to get an answer in a “reasonable amount of time” (Bay-Williams & SanGiovanni, 2021)
- Flexibility - Being able to think about a problem in a variety of ways
- Appropriate Strategy Selection - Being able to look at numbers and reason about which strategies to use based in properties, place value and the relationship between the operations (NCTM, 2000)

1.2 Cycle of Engagement

- Concrete - Using concrete materials
- Pictorial - Using pictorial materials
- Abstract - Using symbols and numerals

1.3 Automaticity

- Result of fluency
- “Instant popping into of mind” (Logan)
- Getting an answer within three seconds and/or reasonable amount of time without getting bogged down or “stuck.”

1.4 Practice

- Students should understand different strategies
- Students should practice using each of those strategies
- Students should practice selecting between the strategies
- Should be meaningful, intentional, purposeful, based on the progression of the operation (Baroody, 2006; Van de Walle, 2007; Henry & Brown, 2008; Boaler, 2015; Bay Williams & SanGiovanni, 2021)

1.5 Math Talk

- Students should be explaining their thinking
- Students should be naming their strategies
- Students should have a common language for the strategies they are using across grades
- Students and Teachers should be posing purposeful questions
- Students should be listening to, understanding and critiquing the thinking and reasoning of others (Baroody, 2006; Van de Walle, 2007; Boaler, 2015; Bay Williams & SanGiovanni, 2021)

1.6 Modeling Mathematical Thinking

- Represent their thinking with pictures, numbers and words
- Choose and use tools appropriately
- Represent thinking by acting out, using concrete materials, sketches and diagrams (CCSSM, 2010) (NCTM, 2000)

1.7 5 Students Engagement

- Students reflect on their work
- Students revise their work
- Students set goals
- Students make action plans for improving
- Teachers encourage and motivate students through positive, informative, feedback
- Teachers promote a growth mindset (Cskikzentmihalyi, 1997; Guskey, 1997; Black & Wiliam, 1998; Dweck, 2006; Marzano, 2007)

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Shared Definitions

	Beginning	Approaching	Meeting	Exceeding
School Administrators There is a fluency action plan made at the district, school and grade levels. There are designated people with checkpoints along the implementation path.				
Teachers All teachers have been trained in the elements of the fluency plan. All teachers understand the implementation plan and the teaching components.				
Students All students understand the fluency pathway and have a way to self-track and monitor their progress with individual fluency folders.				
Parents All parents understand the fluency pathway and have a way to help their students practice at home and monitor their progress. Parent Fluency Workshops should be a part of the implementation plan.				
Other Stakeholders (school staff & larger community) Everybody should understand the general plan.				
Mission Statement (Does your school have one?) Watch the video. Create a Mission Statement.				
Vision Statement (Does your school have one?) Watch the video. Create a Mission Statement.				

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Get the Data - (build fluency profile)

Looking at individual, class, grade, grade band, school trends

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Other				

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Use the Data

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Make an Individual Fluency Plan				
Student Goal Setting (Do you currently do this?)				
Make Acceleration Plans (Do you currently do this?)				
Map Out Daily Fluency Routines (Do you currently do this?)				
Plan Family Math Fluency Days & Nights (Do you currently do these?)				

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Classroom Design

	Beginning	Approaching	Meeting	Exceeding
Differentiated Fluency Workstations (Do you have these?)				
Fluency Anchor Charts (Class) (Do you have all of these?)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy (What you are doing with numbers) 				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Models (How you are showing your thinking) 				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Target/Success Criteria (What you are teaching and what it looks like when students learn it) 				
Classroom Library (section on fluency books) (Do you have picture books that focus specifically on fluency?)				

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Materials

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Fact Fluency Folders (Do students have these?)				
Fact Fluency Parent Brochures/Newsletters by Grade (Do you have this?)				
Fact Fluency Videos by Operation (Do you have this?)				
Fact Fluency Website (Do you have this?)				
Student-created strategy cards (Do you have this?)				
Fact Fluency Social Media (Do you have a twitter, pinterest, facebook or school blog that discusses math fact fluency?)				
Core set of manipulatives (Do you have these?) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • domino, dice, 2 sided counters, cubes or snap cubes, highlighter, colored pencils, different types of paper (grid, centimeter, blank), rulers, number paths, beaded number lines, number lines and hundred grids. 				

7 Instruction

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Daily Routines- Whole Group (What does this look like?)				
Workstations (How are these structured?)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Individual 				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Partner 				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Small Group 				
Guided Math Groups (Do you sometimes focus on math fluency?)				
Personalized Goal Setting (Do your students do this?)				
Homework (How do you integrate work on math fact fluency throughout the year?)				

8 Assessment (Ongoing)(Which of these do you do?)

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9 Analyze the Data What is your plan? (weekly, monthly, quarterly)

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Interpret the Trends and Adjust Instruction Accordingly

(How are you keeping track of this information?)

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