HOW DO I UN-HATE MATHEMATICS?

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What is your favorite subject during your elementary days? Is Mathematics also your “Achilles’ Hill”? Is your Math teacher driving you away from your interest on numbers?

Some pupils seem to have been traumatized in learning Mathematics. Right away a sad face is shown once the teacher throws out a surprised quiz.

Understanding and appreciating Math can give an opportunity to learners how to handle life in the real sense of the world. A child going to canteen may apply his knowledge in numbers say for example how much to buy and how much to pay. Very simple things that lead to confidence on the part of a child knowing that he/she will not be cheated on money matters. But how to unlock the wall that divides their interest and enter in the world of Math?

Learning Math can always be playful by a creative teacher. Change the lyrics of a song into numbers as a motivation to start the lesson. Young hearts love to sing and dance. Introduce a practical question from every day’s experience. Leave the typical world problem from yesterday and create a problem in your own version of a short story that is timely and millennial. Be gender sensitive in giving examples to attract interest among the children. These are just a few of the reminders that teachers should remember in bringing the pupils in the beautiful oasis of Math.
Yes, teachers are the key players in making children fall in love with numbers. The joy of learning with numbers must start from the teachers who will design the lesson exciting and make it appear so easy. Set Math learning stations around the classroom where children would stop and think. Counting corners would break the traditional boring textbooks. Think of it as a magic trick! And everything will become history.

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