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## Il problema di matematica nella pratica didattica

**Digital Index Editore** Questo libro affronta con una ricca bibliografia e con moltissimi esempi concreti uno dei temi più scottanti della didattica della matematica, il tema della risoluzione dei problemi. Fin dagli anni '60, vari Autori hanno posto l'accento su questa questione, l'apprendimento strategico, come si impara a risolvere i problemi. All'inizio si confondeva ingenuamente questa capacità con la conoscenza delle operazioni aritmetiche, poi si sono cercati stratagemmi per insegnare a risolvere, poi ci si è concentrati sugli aspetti linguistici, successivamente su quelli logici... E la storia continua. Questo libro fa il punto, propone analisi che si basano sulle situazioni reali di aula, specialmente di scuola primaria, prendendo in considerazione aspetti psicologici, pedagogici, soprattutto didattici, con la speranza di offrire agli insegnanti di matematica uno strumento concreto, efficace per capire che cosa non funziona quando lo studente non ha successo nella risoluzione di un problema.

## Doremat, la Musica della Matematica - Il Progetto

## Insegnare e imparare la Matematica con la Musica

**Digital Index Editore** >“Doremat - La musica della matematica - Insegnare e imparare la Matematica con la Musica” vede nell'innovazione della didattica una risorsa per motivare i ragazzi all'apprendimento della matematica. Dal 2007 è stata avviata una sperimentazione che ad oggi ha coinvolto quasi 2000 allievi tra scuole secondarie di primo e secondo grado in tutta Italia. Tale metodologia didattica ha come scopo l'insegnamento della matematica attraverso la musica e ha visto il proprio sviluppo attraverso un'attività di ricerca che ha permesso di ripercorrere e mettere in evidenza le analogie che intercorrono tra matematica e musica, compiendo un sistematico lavoro di declinazione in chiave musicale delle conoscenze e delle competenze matematiche del curriculum della secondaria di primo grado fino alla terza classe della secondaria di secondo grado. Ciò è stato reso possibile dalla stessa natura delle due discipline che usano linguaggi universali e hanno una comune matrice culturale. Da queste riflessioni, dallo studio delle analogie e dal successo riscontrato nell'esperienza, è nato il metodo didattico che vede la sua naturale applicazione in ambito laboratoriale. Dal lavoro di ricerca e sperimentazione è nato anche un testo per l'insegnamento della matematica attraverso la musica che funge da libro didattico per gli insegnanti dove sono descritti alcuni argomenti matematici dedicati a aritmetica, algebra e geometria, declinati in chiave musicale e proposti attraverso laboratori matematico-musicali. Questi rappresentano il fulcro originale e innovativo del testo e coniugano in maniera operativa le due discipline attraverso laboratori, analogie, esemplificazioni ed esercizi.

## Crescere emotivamente competenti

## Proposte dalle scuole della Svizzera Italiana

**Digital Index Editore** Nonostante le abilità e competenze emotive siano quello che fa di noi persone sane ed adattate o infelici e disadattate, e nonostante esse siano tra le più importanti life skills, il loro insegnamento/apprendimento è stato per anni affidato alla fortuna di avere una famiglia, un parente o un amico particolarmente illuminati, che ci indicassero la strada. La scuola, la più importante agenzia educativa, è stata viceversa fino ad oggi troppo indaffarata ad insegnare verbi, coniugazioni, date storiche, algoritmi matematici e quant'altro, per potersi occupare anche di questo dettaglio. Ma il punto è che nulla si vuole togliere al ruolo educativo della scuola in fatto di insegnamento/apprendimento di verbi, coniugazioni, date storiche, algoritmi matematici e quant'altro. E soprattutto, nulla si vuole aggiungere al già oneroso lavoro degli insegnanti: non si propone di insegnare anche le

emozioni, al contrario, si propone di insegnare con le emozioni. Il volume ha questo specifico obiettivo, guidare gli insegnanti ad insegnare con le emozioni, con il più ampio e lungimirante fine di “formare le persone” come individui competenti e consapevoli, e non soltanto di dotarle di cultura e/o informazioni. La necessità che la scuola rivisiti i suoi programmi formativi con questo obiettivo è sentita già da alcuni anni in molte parti del mondo, e come ben illustrano gli autori, vi sono già realtà abbastanza avanzate di Social Emotional Learning negli Stati Uniti. Alcune di queste esperienze sono già state adottate da diversi anni dagli autori nella Svizzera Italiana, consentendo certamente loro di raccogliere il meglio in questo volume.

## Doremat, la Musica della Matematica - Il Testo

### Insegnare e imparare la Matematica con la Musica

**Digital Index Editore** Perbacco, il solito libro di matematica da recensire e al quale scrivere una prefazione; comincia addirittura con la spiegazione del simbolismo dei grafici insiemistici, la solita roba; sfoglio a caso e trovo i numeri naturali, le frazioni, che altro? Equazioni, sistemi lineari, geometria, rette parallele, combinazioni, le solite cose, sono tutti uguali, sembrano scritti con la fotocopiatrice; sfoglio ancora a caso: grafico di funzioni, metronomo, brani musicali, ... Come come? Aspetta un po'. Sì, non mi sono sbagliato. Guardo l'indice e trovo: le scale musicali, le note, polifonia, ... È vero, è proprio così: le frazioni in musica, raggruppamenti ritmici, teoria musicale e tanti tanti laboratori di musica. Non ci posso credere, aspetta che leggo tutto per bene, perché questo merita, eccome. E così scopro un libro di matematica che è un libro di musica e un libro di musica che è un libro di matematica, finalmente, uno vero! Dove non si dicono chiacchiere, le solite chiacchiere, ma dove queste due sublimi creazioni umane si confondono e si confortano, dove non ci si vergogna di dare del somaro a chi, rinunciando alla matematica, dice di amare la musica, o viceversa. Ah, potesse vedere questo libro Iannis Xenakis, come ne sarebbe felice; l'ho sempre adorato, la sua matematica compositiva leggera e semplice, legata a strutture algebriche elementari, l'ha portato a sublimi vette nelle quali non sai più se sta scrivendo musica, matematica o architettura, tanto che il paragone con Franz Liszt non solo è meritato, ma ovvio. Ah, potesse vedere questo libro l'amico Delfino Insolera, colto sublime protettore delle commistioni a tutto campo fra arti e scienze, purtroppo mai capito e considerato solo un teorico. Com'è avvincente veder suggerire concreti laboratori musicali dove la matematica appresa a scuola assume un senso per lo studente, non vacue regole che vanno assunte, spesso senza alcuna giustificazione, ma strumenti per l'organizzazione di toni, di scale, di suoni, ciò che più avvincente il giovane che ama la musica. Un colpo didattico significativo e potente, che potrebbe essere una chiave di volta per l'educazione nelle due discipline, per le didattiche delle due materie: - la matematica, l'unica materia insegnata in tutto il mondo, in tutti i Paesi, più o meno uguale; - e la musica, stupidamente sottovalutata nei curricula educativi in certe nazioni, e invece veicolo potentissimo di cultura, competenza, sapere, intelligenza. Dicono tutti che anche la musica, come la matematica, sia linguaggio universale e che tale linguaggio è comune, trasversale nelle varie culture; non è proprio così: una salsa colombiana è assai diversa da una paparuda romena o da un klezmer ebraico, non solo nel risultato sonoro, ma nel significato stesso che vuole esprimere e nelle modalità di espressione; eppure, se l'insegnamento-apprendimento della musica fosse questo, visto così come si mostra in questo libro, razionale, tecnico, strumentale, intelligente, profondo, allora sì: quel che questo libro propone di didattica musicale è o potrebbe essere lo stesso dovunque. Si tratta di un connubio imbattibile, da difendere e diffondere il più possibile; nei limiti delle mie possibilità, conto di aver seguito almeno una dozzina di tesi di laurea e anche una di dottorato su questo tema delicato e invadente, a mio avviso totalizzante; ci sono momenti nei quali non sai più se quel che stai dicendo si debba ascrivere a un dominio culturale o all'altro, tanto sono simili e complementari. Poi, io sono più o meno esperto in un campo e non nell'altro, nel quale solo sono un appassionato dilettante; ma riconosco in questa immensa potenzialità didattica comune una sorta di grande bacino, un contenitore che ci permette ampi spazi di comunicazione e di giustificazione. Per questo lo trovo avvincente, per questo lo difendo, per questo apprezzo ogni sforzo in tale direzione, per questo apprezzo questo gruppo di lavoro e questo libro. Libro che, in certo qual senso, ho visto nascere, tanti anni fa, quando Doremat mi chiese di dare una mano, idee, suggerimenti, indicare possibili direzioni; cose che ho fatto, con modestia e con tanto amore, suggerendo collaborazioni e temi, sviluppi possibili e idee. Per questo apprezzo questa strada, chi la percorre, chi le dedica tempo e sapienza. Lo so che è una citazione banale, ma come non ricordare Jean Philippe Rameau (1722) nel suo Trattato dell'armonia ridotto ai suoi principi fondamentali? (Apprezzi il lettore critico il fatto che evito di citare Pitagora, che sarebbe ancora più scontato e comodo). «La musica è una scienza che deve avere regole certe: queste devono essere estratte da un principio evidente, che non può essere conosciuto senza l'aiuto della matematica. Devo ammettere che, nonostante tutta l'esperienza che ho potuto acquisire con una lunga pratica musicale, è solo con l'aiuto della matematica che le mie idee si sono sistemate, e che la luce ne ha dissipato le oscurità». Auguro a Doremat e a questo libro tutto il successo che meritano e auspico il riconoscimento degli insegnanti di matematica e di musica. Dall'Introduzione di Bruno D'Amore.

## Volare con la matematica

### Un percorso operativo di geometria dinamica

**Digital Index Editore** Il libro presenta un percorso didattico sui quadrilateri, che muove da una figura un po' trascurata nelle nostre aule: il deltoide, detto anche “aquilone”. Nel dipanarsi delle attività proposte, vengono via via coinvolti, però, altri quadrilateri; si tessono così una trama di relazioni tra figure, ricca di spunti e nello stesso tempo duttile perché adattabile a livelli diversi di scolarità. Le tappe di questo itinerario sono frutto di esperienze condotte in classe dalle autrici e di un lavoro personale di approfondimento e rielaborazione; il prodotto è un insieme di idee e materiali dai quali attingere, trasponibili e personalizzabili, corredati di foto, video, schede di lavoro e anche programmi per i più diffusi software di geometria dinamica (in particolare Cabri e GeoGebra). L'impostazione del percorso è rigorosamente laboratoriale e operativa; gli allievi, in ogni momento protagonisti, sono invitati a osservare, discutere, manipolare, trasformare: già, perché il cuore della proposta è l'uso di “modelli dinamici”. Questi manufatti, costruiti dagli alunni con materiali semplici ma sorprendentemente creativi, mostrano una ricchezza di stimoli che rimanda inevitabilmente alla grande lezione

di Emma Castelnuovo, alla quale, non a caso, il libro è dedicato. I modelli, come si vedrà, interagiscono agevolmente con i software dinamici, in un'ottica di approccio induttivo alla geometria che facilita la costruzione di concetti ben strutturati ma nello stesso tempo ricchi e duttili.

## Una grande avventura intellettuale - Piccola storia della matematica per insegnanti curiosi

**Digital Index Editore** Una grande avventura intellettuale. Piccola storia della matematica per insegnanti curiosi (il titolo rappresenta un omaggio a Dirk J. Struik e il sottotitolo ad Egmont Colerus, entrambi insigni storici della disciplina) si fonda sulla convinzione che uno dei tanti motivi per cui, in ambiente scolastico, la matematica risulta talvolta ostica agli allievi, soprattutto a quelli più giovani, deriva dal fatto che viene loro presentata, dagli insegnanti "poco curiosi", quale un insieme di regole, di procedure, di asserzioni piovute dal cielo, figlie di nessuno, senza alcun legame con le persone e la loro storia. D'altra parte, anche a tali insegnanti, quando erano scolari, la matematica è stata insegnata così, come se fosse una sentenziosa orfanella la cui sapienza viene chissà da dove. Il libro intende aiutare gli "insegnanti curiosi" - quelli che credono di conoscere una volta per tutte la disciplina che insegnano - a saperne di più riguardo alla genesi storica e geografica della matematica, così da poterla illustrare agli allievi in maniera più narrativa e dunque più dilettevole ed inserita nel più complessivo sviluppo della società e del pensiero umano.

## Applications of Mathematics in Models, Artificial Neural Networks and Arts

### Mathematics and Society

**Springer Science & Business Media** The book shows a very original organization addressing in a non traditional way, but with a systematic approach, to who has an interest in using mathematics in the social sciences. The book is divided in four parts: (a) a historical part, written by Vittorio Capecchi which helps us understand the changes in the relationship between mathematics and sociology by analyzing the mathematical models of Paul F. Lazarsfeld, the model of simulation and artificial societies, models of artificial neural network and considering all the changes in scientific paradigms considered; (b) a part coordinated by Pier Luigi Contucci on mathematical models that consider the relationship between the mathematical models that come from physics and linguistics to arrive at the study of society and those which are born within sociology and economics; (c) a part coordinated by Massimo Buscema analyzing models of artificial neural networks; (d) a part coordinated by Bruno D'Amore which considers the relationship between mathematics and art. The title of the book "Mathematics and Society" was chosen because the mathematical applications exposed in the book allow you to address two major issues: (a) the general theme of technological innovation and quality of life (among the essays are on display mathematical applications to the problems of combating pollution and crime, applications to mathematical problems of immigration, mathematical applications to the problems of medical diagnosis, etc.) (b) the general theme of technical innovation and creativity, for example the art and mathematics section which connects to the theme of creative cities. The book is very original because it is not addressed only to those who are passionate about mathematical applications in social science but also to those who, in different societies, are: (a) involved in technological innovation to improve the quality of life; (b) involved in the wider distribution of technological innovation in different areas of creativity (as in the project "Creative Cities Network" of UNESCO).

## Teaching Reading in Mathematics

Ingram

Siena

### City of Secrets

**University of Chicago Press** "Siena: City of Secrets" is a charming, intimate portrait of this most secretive of cities, often overlooked by travelers to Italy. Part cultural history and intellectual memoir, part travelogue and guide book, Tylus writes with a novelist's flair, taking the reader on a quest of discovery through the well- and not-so-well-travelled roads and alleys of the ancient city. Today, Siena can appear on the surface standoffish, a bit static, and very old-fashioned, especially when compared to its larger, flashier cousins Roma and Firenze. But first impressions wear away as we learn from Tylus that Siena was, over the long view, an innovator among the cities of Italy: the first to pave its streets and main plaza (1298), the first to publicly fund its university (1321), the first to employ the promissory note (1720), the first to ban automobile traffic from its city center (1965), and much else. We also hear about Siena's great artistic and architectural past, hidden behind centuries of over painting and rebuilding, and about its resident apocryphal and not-so-apocryphal Saints. And about the distinctive characters of its different neighborhoods (contrade), exemplified in the highly competitive horserace that takes place annually in the city and that serves as both a dividing and a uniting force for the Sienese. Throughout we are guided by the assuring voice of a seasoned scholar with a gift for spinning a good story and with an eye for the telling detail, whether we are traveling Siena's modern highways or digging through ancient Etruscan tombs; or shadowing the path walked by medieval pilgrims; or tracking the city's financial history from its beginnings as the once-great center for commerce in

the sixteenth century to its near collapse in January 2013; or celebrating literary giants Dante and Calvino or giants of the arena, Siena's Serie A soccer team. A useful and entertaining guide for students of Italian culture (Tylus has written discursive, reader-friendly endnotes and included a full bibliography in the back matter), the book will also appeal to the traveler and tourist (virtual or otherwise) interested in learning more about this ancient, mysterious, reclusive city despite itself."

## PISA The PISA 2003 Assessment Framework Mathematics, Reading, Science and Problem Solving Knowledge and Skills

## Mathematics, Reading, Science and Problem Solving Knowledge and Skills

**OECD Publishing** The PISA 2003 Assessment Framework presents the conceptual underpinning of the PISA 2003 assessments. Within each assessment area, the volume defines the content that students need to acquire, the processes that need to be performed and the contexts in which knowledge and skills are applied.

## Learning and Teaching Number Theory

## Research in Cognition and Instruction

**Greenwood Publishing Group** Essential to developing deeper understandings of mathematics, number theory has received scant attention in mathematics education research. This volume redresses this matter and serves as a launch point for further research in this important area.

## The Theory of Objectification

## A Vygotskian Perspective on Knowing and Becoming in Mathematics Teaching and Learning

**BRILL** The theory of objectification offers a perspective to conceptualize learning as a collective cultural-historical process and to transform classrooms into sites of communal life where students make the experience of an ethics of solidarity, plurality, and inclusivity.

## Mathematics in Ancient Iraq

## A Social History

**Princeton University Press** This monumental book traces the origins and development of mathematics in the ancient Middle East, from its earliest beginnings in the fourth millennium BCE to the end of indigenous intellectual culture in the second century BCE when cuneiform writing was gradually abandoned. Eleanor Robson offers a history like no other, examining ancient mathematics within its broader social, political, economic, and religious contexts, and showing that mathematics was not just an abstract discipline for elites but a key component in ordering society and understanding the world. The region of modern-day Iraq is uniquely rich in evidence for ancient mathematics because its prehistoric inhabitants wrote on clay tablets, many hundreds of thousands of which have been archaeologically excavated, deciphered, and translated. Drawing from these and a wealth of other textual and archaeological evidence, Robson gives an extraordinarily detailed picture of how mathematical ideas and practices were conceived, used, and taught during this period. She challenges the prevailing view that they were merely the simplistic precursors of classical Greek mathematics, and explains how the prevailing view came to be. Robson reveals the true sophistication and beauty of ancient Middle Eastern mathematics as it evolved over three thousand years, from the earliest beginnings of recorded accounting to complex mathematical astronomy. Every chapter provides detailed information on sources, and the book includes an appendix on all mathematical cuneiform tablets published before 2007.

## A Course on Elementary Probability Theory

This book introduces to the theory of probabilities from the beginning. Assuming that the reader possesses the normal mathematical level acquired at the end of the secondary school, we aim to equip him with a solid basis in probability theory. The theory is preceded by a general chapter on counting methods. Then, the theory of probabilities is presented in a discrete framework. Two objectives are sought. The first is to give the reader the ability to solve a large number of problems related to probability theory, including

application problems in a variety of disciplines. The second is to prepare the reader before he takes course on the mathematical foundations of probability theory. In this later book, the reader will concentrate more on mathematical concepts, while in the present text, experimental frameworks are mostly found. If both objectives are met, the reader will have already acquired a definitive experience in problem-solving ability with the tools of probability theory and at the same time he is ready to move on to a theoretical course on probability theory based on the theory of Measure and Integration. The book ends with a chapter that allows the reader to begin an intermediate course in mathematical statistics.

## PISA 2012 Assessment and Analytical Framework Mathematics, Reading, Science, Problem Solving and Financial Literacy

## Mathematics, Reading, Science, Problem Solving and Financial Literacy

**OECD Publishing** This book presents the conceptual framework underlying the fifth cycle of PISA, which covers reading, science and this year's focus: mathematical literacy, along with problem solving and financial literacy.

## The Devil's Portrait

The story you've been telling about what happened in the grove-or the Garden of Eden, as you call it-bears extraordinarily little resemblance to what actually happened. If you do not like how the world works, go ahead-blame Ari. But do not blame him for your transgressions. It will surprise you what he has sacrificed in support of Father's ambitions. Ari embarks on a journey he has taken many times before, but this time he is determined to complete his quest, and to do so, he must contend with his family. What you think you know of Ari's relationship with Father is wrong, and you know nothing at all about his grandmother. His siblings-yes, he has them, too-complicate all matters, but this time around might those complications be thoughtful gifts? Upon completing this tale, your understanding of the world will hopefully be profoundly challenged. But what you will have learned about Ari will change what you think of the Devil.

## Orality and Language

**Taylor & Francis** Part of the series Key Concepts in Indigenous Studies, this book focuses on the concepts that recur in any discussion of the society, culture and literature among indigenous peoples. This book, the fourth in a five-volume series, deals with the two key concepts of language and orality of indigenous peoples from Asia, Australia, North America and South America. With contributions from renowned scholars, activists and experts from across the globe, it looks at the intricacies of oral transmission of memory and culture, literary production and transmission, and the nature of creativity among indigenous communities. It also discusses the risk of a complete decline of the languages of indigenous peoples, as well as the attempts being made to conserve these languages. Bringing together academic insights and experiences from the ground, this unique book, with its wide coverage, will serve as a comprehensive guide for students, teachers and scholars of indigenous studies. It will be essential reading for those in social and cultural anthropology, tribal studies, sociology and social exclusion studies, politics, religion and theology, cultural studies, literary and postcolonial studies, and Third World and Global South studies, as well as activists working with indigenous communities.

## Encyclopedia of Mathematics Education

**Springer** The Encyclopedia of Mathematics Education is a comprehensive reference text, covering every topic in the field with entries ranging from short descriptions to much longer pieces where the topic warrants more elaboration. The entries provide access to theories and to research in the area and refer to the leading publications for further reading. The Encyclopedia is aimed at graduate students, researchers, curriculum developers, policy makers, and others with interests in the field of mathematics education. It is planned to be 700 pages in length in its hard copy form but the text will subsequently be up-dated and developed on-line in a way that retains the integrity of the ideas, the responsibility for which will be in the hands of the Editor-in-Chief and the Editorial Board. This second edition will include additional entries on: new ideas in the politics of mathematics education, working with minority students, mathematics and art, other cross-disciplinary studies, studies in emotions and mathematics, new frameworks for analysis of mathematics classrooms, and using simulations in mathematics teacher education. Existing entries will be revised and new entries written. Members of the international mathematics education research community will be invited to propose new entries. Editorial Board: Bharath Sriraman Melony Graven Yoshinori Shimizu Ruhama Even Michele Artigue Eva Jablonka Wish to Become an Author? Springer's Encyclopedia of Mathematics Education's first edition was published in 2014. The Encyclopedia is a "living" project and will continue to accept articles online as part of an eventual second edition. Articles will be peer-reviewed in a timely manner and, if found acceptable, will be immediately published online. Suggested articles are, of course, welcome. Feel encouraged to think about additional topics that we overlooked the first time around, and to suggest colleagues (including yourself!) who will want to write them. Interested new authors should contact the editor in chief, Stephen Lerman, at lermans@lsbu.ac.uk, for more specific instructions.

## British Analytical Philosophy

### Marx's Social Critique of Culture

**Yale University Press** A distinguished philosopher presents a critical reading of Marx's interpretation of culture. Dupri discusses the relation of Marx to previous philosophers, especially Hegel; the stages of development and contradictions within Marx's conception of culture; and the contributions of various Marxists who followed Marx. "Intelligent, discerning, and carefully nuanced." -- American Political Science Review

### Archaic Bookkeeping

### Early Writing and Techniques of Economic Administration in the Ancient Near East

**University of Chicago Press** This work brings together current scholarship on the earliest true writing system in human history. Invented by the Babylonians at the end of the fourth millennium BC, this script, called proto-cuneiform, survives in the form of clay tablets that have until now posed formidable barriers to interpretation. Many tablets, excavated in fragments from ancient dump sites, lack a clear context. In addition, the purpose of the earliest tablets was not to record language but to monitor the administration of local economies by means of a numerical system.

### Teaching Mathematics as Storytelling

**Sense Pub** This book presents storytelling in mathematics as a medium for creating a classroom in which mathematics is appreciated, understood, and enjoyed. The authors demonstrate how students' mathematical activity can be engaged via storytelling. Readers are introduced to many mathematical stories of different kinds, such as stories that provide a frame or a background to mathematical problems, stories that deeply intertwine with the content, and stories that explain concepts or ideas. Moreover, the authors present a framework for creating new stories, ideas for using and enriching existing stories, as well as several techniques for storytelling that make telling more interactive and more appealing to the learner. This book is of interest for those who teach mathematics, or teach teachers to teach mathematics. It may be of interest to those who like stories or like mathematics, or those who dislike either mathematics or stories, but are ready to reconsider their position.

### Cruel and Tender

### After Sophocles' Trachiniae

Far away a battle rages and an entire city is turned to dust. Amelia can't sleep. She waits for news of her husband. He's a great general and this seems to be a decisive victory. But when the motives for the war start to look disturbingly personal, his wife becomes desperate to hold on to his love. Martin Crimp's new play takes Sophocles' ancient story of marriage and violence - 'The Trachiniae' - and propels it into a modern world of political hypocrisy and emotional terrorism. Cruel and Tender was produced by Wiener Festwochen, Chichester Festival Theatre and the Young Vic, where it opened in London before premiering at the 2004 Vienna Festival.

### Life on the Sunny Side

### Inspirations for Busy Women That Will Ignite Your Dreams and Brighten Your Life

In today's challenging times, many are looking for inspiration, and "how-to" best get through the days and months ahead. Life on the Sunny Side: Inspirations for Busy Women That Will Ignite Your Dreams And Brighten Your Life is timely and topical. Filled with bite-sized motivational vignettes that move the reader from zero to action in three minutes, Life on the Sunny Side is straight talk delivered with the honesty and humor needed today. This transformational nonfiction is authored by a life and career coach who knows how to motivate others to kick negativity to the curb and do life on the sunny side. I am a change agent offering pragmatic advice that works across ethnic and socioeconomic lines. Life on the Sunny Side is a book you read on the fly and buy for all your girlfriends. Written with just the right balance of tenderness and tough love, the 21 chapters include advice on how to eliminate procrastination, develop an optimistic outlook, get organized, and accomplish goals. Each chapter links to the book's theme and narratives are titled to ignite reader curiosity. Included are enlightening statistics, empirical data where applicable, humor, and thought-provoking quotes.

## Learning Together and Alone

## Cooperative, Competitive, and Individualistic Learning

**Allyn & Bacon** Grade level: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, k, p, e, i, s, t.

## The End of Education

## Redefining the Value of School

**Vintage** In this comprehensive response to the education crisis, the author of *Teaching as a Subversive Activity* returns to the subject that established his reputation as one of our most insightful social critics. Postman presents useful models with which schools can restore a sense of purpose, tolerance, and a respect for learning.

## The "Other Tuscany"

## Essays in the History of Lucca, Pisa, and Siena During the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Centuries

**Western Michigan Univ Medieval Studies** of late medieval Tuscany have traditionally relied on historiographical premises derived from the experience of its intensely investigated capital city. Specifically, normative and quantitative data from Florentine sources have been employed to chart demographic, social, and economic trends during the communal age and across the period of the Black Death and its aftermath. The results have invited instructive comparisons with other regions of Italy, as well as other parts of Europe. At the same time, however, the focus on Florence in its role as a metropolitan center belies the conceptual problems inherent in the modern definition of region, applicable only with hindsight to medieval juridical and topographical boundaries. The essays in this volume offer non-Italian scholars a representative sample of current European research and a summary of recent debates regarding the historical evolution of those republics that posed the most formidable obstacles to the extension of Florentine hegemony. While they cover a range of topics, they all provide evidence of the important resources available to scholars working in provincial Tuscan archives and the volume offers an excellent sampling of the state of scholarship on these Italian communities.

## Regular Figures

**Elsevier** Regular Figures concerns the systematology and genetics of regular figures. The first part of the book deals with the classical theory of the regular figures. This topic includes description of plane ornaments, spherical arrangements, hyperbolic tessellations, polyhedral, and regular polytopes. The problem of geometry of the sphere and the two-dimensional hyperbolic space are considered. Classical theory is explained as describing all possible symmetrical groupings in different spaces of constant curvature. The second part deals with the genetics of the regular figures and the inequalities found in polygons; also presented as examples are the packing and covering problems of a given circle using the most or least number of discs. The problem of distributing  $n$  points on the sphere for these points to be placed as far as possible from each other is also discussed. The theories and problems discussed are then applied to pollen-grains, which are transported by animals or the wind. A closer look into the exterior composition of the grain shows many characteristics of uniform distribution of orifices, as well as irregular distribution. A formula that calculates such packing density is then explained. More advanced problems such as the genetics of the protean regular figures of higher spaces are also discussed. The book is ideal for physicists, mathematicians, architects, and students and professors in geometry.

## Activities of Thinking in Social Spaces

**Nova Science Pub Incorporated** This book explores the vibrant progress of research in the social development of thinking and learning. The notion of the thinking space has been proposed by Anne-Nelly Perret-Clermont (2004) to designate the social and situated nature of thinking. This edited book gathers leading scholars in social and cultural approaches to learning and thinking who share such initial assumption, and have explored its implications in the fields of elementary and higher education, in science and literature, with a wide diversity of population, and also out of the classroom, in the psychologists office or in adults mutual teaching. This book offers a unique overview of a largely European tradition of scholarship retracing its roots in the post-piagetian and vygotskian heritage, it explores the many facets of this tradition and opens new horizons for future research. Doing so, it highlights the heuristic power of an approach that considers learning and thinking as an active, shared and situated endeavor.

## Social Relations in Human and Societal Development

**Springer** Social interaction is the engine which drives an individual's psychological development and it can create changes on all levels of society. Social Relations in Human and Societal Development includes essays by internationally renowned academics from a range of disciplines including social psychology, international relations and child development.

## Basic Geometry

**The Rosen Publishing Group** Offers a sound mathematical development ... and at the same time enables the student to move rapidly into the heart of geometry. --The Mathematics Teacher Should be required reading for every teacher of geometry. --The Mathematical Gazette In this highly recommended high school text by two eminent scholars, the authors deduce plane Euclidean geometry by utilizing only five fundamental postulates. Incorporation of the system of real numbers in three of the five postulates of this geometry gives these assumptions great breadth and power. They lead the reader at once to the heart of geometry. It is because of the underlying power, simplicity, and compactness of this geometry that the authors called the book Basic Geometry. The book is designed for a one-year course in plane geometry. For advanced students, the authors incorporated certain material from three-dimensional and so-called modern geometry. A rich variety of exercises as well as many illustrations applying the abstract geometrical concepts to real life provide an excellent source of teaching material.

## Mathematical Reasoning

### Analogies, Metaphors, and Images

**Routledge** How we reason with mathematical ideas continues to be a fascinating and challenging topic of research--particularly with the rapid and diverse developments in the field of cognitive science that have taken place in recent years. Because it draws on multiple disciplines, including psychology, philosophy, computer science, linguistics, and anthropology, cognitive science provides rich scope for addressing issues that are at the core of mathematical learning. Drawing upon the interdisciplinary nature of cognitive science, this book presents a broadened perspective on mathematics and mathematical reasoning. It represents a move away from the traditional notion of reasoning as "abstract" and "disembodied", to the contemporary view that it is "embodied" and "imaginative." From this perspective, mathematical reasoning involves reasoning with structures that emerge from our bodily experiences as we interact with the environment; these structures extend beyond finitary propositional representations. Mathematical reasoning is imaginative in the sense that it utilizes a number of powerful, illuminating devices that structure these concrete experiences and transform them into models for abstract thought. These "thinking tools"--analogy, metaphor, metonymy, and imagery--play an important role in mathematical reasoning, as the chapters in this book demonstrate, yet their potential for enhancing learning in the domain has received little recognition. This book is an attempt to fill this void. Drawing upon backgrounds in mathematics education, educational psychology, philosophy, linguistics, and cognitive science, the chapter authors provide a rich and comprehensive analysis of mathematical reasoning. New and exciting perspectives are presented on the nature of mathematics (e.g., "mind-based mathematics"), on the array of powerful cognitive tools for reasoning (e.g., "analogy and metaphor"), and on the different ways these tools can facilitate mathematical reasoning. Examples are drawn from the reasoning of the preschool child to that of the adult learner.

## Of All The People In All The World

Essays on the making and touring of this international hit performance installation along with blog posts, letters, emails and photographs. Alongside details of associated politically engaged productions and installations.

## Educational Contexts and Borders Through a Cultural Lens

### Looking Inside, Viewing Outside

This book provides a "context" of discussion for researchers and educational experts in order to rethink the relationship between actors, practices and borders within the educational contexts. The research in educational psychology has often challenged the concept of "educational context". According to the different theoretical frameworks, the construct of contexts, their borders, and the dimensions to be taken into account have all been defined in different ways. The book offers a reflection that goes from theory to practice and backward from practice to theory. The main research questions the book addresses are how actors, i.e. teachers, parents and students, educators, and professionals, with their own identity and social representations, build their educational practices, or, their shared cultural spaces where knowledge is generated, defining the borders of the educational contexts. The book proposes that a border is a type of membrane within and outside the educational setting bringing together different actors, groups and cultures. The book presents the perspectives of scholars and educational experts from various parts of the world, including Brazil, Argentina, Italy, Japan, and the United Kingdom. They shed light on what happens at the border in different cultural contexts, and what the relationship is between the educational setting and the other life contexts or micro-cultures. .

## Concerning the Spiritual in Art

Library of Alexandria



# Levels of Explanation in Social Psychology