



Simplifying Math Stations

1. **Cultivate a positive classroom community conducive to learning.** You're the most important asset they have. If you believe in them & are positive with them, it changes everything!
2. **Implement a classroom management strategy that teaches individual accountability, team work, and personal financial literacy.** Use Meaningful Math Management (free at glennatabor.com) or give points to each team.
3. **Assign partners.** Ask questions and have partners discuss with each other. Practice active listening by making each person responsible for what their partner said.
4. **Divide classes into mixed-ability teams and assign Team Roles.** Model-Practice-Reward everything you want to see in math stations. Reward appropriate choices and optimize positive peer pressure. Believe they can do it!
5. **Arrange the classroom to facilitate Partner Work in a Whole-Group Mini-Lesson, Team Work, and Station Work.** Think about traffic flow, visibility, & personal space. Be sure there's a place for you to easily work with small groups of students.
6. **Begin each class period with an engaging/bridging activity.** This sets the stage for using stations and serves as spiraled review of concepts.
7. **Hold a Leadership Academy** to train your Leaders & Co-Leaders how to facilitate discussion, keep their team on task, and provide exemplary choices in the classroom.
8. **Optimize the Teacher-Guided Station.** Teach the priority standards at the Teacher Time Station. Add one station activity at a time for the rest of the class.
9. **Empower students with choice in daily/unit work through ways such as Anchoring Activities or Choice Boards.** Whether it's selecting which item they do first or giving them an anchoring/engaging activity at the end of the class period.
10. **Celebrate small successes and continue to grow!**