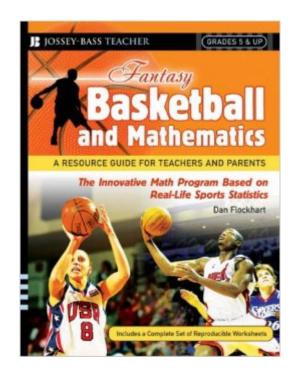
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Fantasy Basketball And Mathematics: A Resource Guide For Teachers And Parents, Grades 5 And Up





Synopsis

A great new way to getall kids excited about math! Fantasy sports are a hit worldwide, and now teachers and parents can take advantage of this phenomenon to give students a reason to look forward to doing math. The games and activities in Fantasy Basketball and Mathematics will get kids excited about learning and practicing math, even if they're not big sports fans. With this fun-filled educational resource, you can teach one math concept or many and plan lessons that can last for a week or a whole season. Here's how it works. Students create fantasy teams by picking real-life professional basketball players, following their players' statistics, and calculating their team's total points using algebraic or nonalgebraic methods specifically designed to complement the math skills they are learning. The instructions are easy to follow, and the dynamic hands-on games address all learning styles and abilities. The book includes more than 100 scoring systems that give you the flexibility to customize the content according to your students' skill levels. In addition to the basic Fantasy Basketball game, the book contains easy-to-use lesson plans, reproducible worksheets for extra practice on 46 different math concepts, graphing activities, guizzes, a pre- and post- test, and an answer key. More than just a fun way to learn math, the book's activities also support the NCTM Math Standards. "The beauty of the Fantasy Sports and Mathematics programs is that while all the students are busy having fun, enjoying the competition, and building better relationships with sports-minded parents, they are, much to their surprise, learning to love math." -- Ryan D. Verver, math teacher, Southwest Chicago Christian School "Students were eager to be the first in their math class to tally their scores and begin working with their team's stats. It was great to see boys and girls who were working both above and below grade level fully engaged in using their math skills and learning new ones." -- Sara Suchman, Harvard Graduate School of Education, former middle school director Also available in the Fantasy Sports and Mathematics series: Fantasy Basketball and Mathematics | Fantasy Football and Mathematics | Fantasy Soccer and Mathematics

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I like it a lot as a teacher. However, the students seem to disagree. Some of the examples are given in decimals, when the answer key states it as a fraction. While I have the finesse to convert from decimal to fractions, the students don't immediately get that and become easily frustrated. On the other hand, I have used these worksheets as practice to set up spreadsheets. I don't think they understood the connection with basketball and math. I will continue to use it, and change how I introduce the concepts.

As a math teacher, I was able to keep my students motivated and interested in my math lessons much more easier with this set of fantasy math sport workbooks without falling behind schedule. My students success in math with the use of these workbooks and the additional support from the websites insipired me to start an after school program based on Fantasy Sport. I would recomend these workbooks to any teachers or parents who want to improve their students or childs' math skills.

I recently bought this book and I can't wait to get started with my students! We just finished drafting our basketball teams, and we will start competition after Christmas break. We are finishing up fantasy football season right now, and my students loved it. Dan's fantasy sports are easy to implement, even if you are not familiar with sports.

I am using this for my 6th grade math class. Math is fun again! I highly recommend it not just for teachers but for anyone with a math interest.

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