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Included: Educators in attendance

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Educators Expand Abilities on Teaching Math

Fourteen Kansas teachers recently attended a workshop to help their students improve their math skills.

The workshop, called “Building a Solid Foundation: Math Facts, Computation & Problem Solving,” was held at the Jones Institute for Educational Excellence at Emporia State University Monday, December 3, 2007.

“Using this method, in five minutes a day teachers can maintain and improve students’ computation skills,” said Bob Winkler, the workshop’s leader. Winkler explained the teacher would post a similar equation every day, giving students’ consistent practice on that kind of problem for about a two-week cycle. The teacher then would add a new concept each day, still reviewing the previous computation, but progressing on to the next type of problem.

Winkler explained the repetition involved in the process enables students to master their computation skills and gain confidence so that they may progress on to the next level.

Winkler is the Director of Assessment and Research for the Shawnee Mission School District. He served as a primary author for the Kansas state math contest, has served on the Kansas Association of Mathematics Teachers board, and was president of the Kansas Area of Teachers of Mathematics.

For more information about this workshop, contact Toni Bowling at 620-341-5372 or 1-877-378-5433, mbowling@emporia.edu.

Educators in attendance at the workshop included:

USD 289 Wellsville, Wellsville Elementary –
Heather Heath, Linda Nyhart, Lori Smilie, Tony Taylor

USD 290 Ottawa, Lincoln Elementary –
Betty Friedel

USD 308 Hutchinson, McCandless Elementary –
Cyndi Krafels

USD 345 Seaman, Elmont Elementary School –
Linda Crawford

USD 345 Seaman, West Indianola Elementary –
Hilda Hrenchir

USD 365 Garnett, Westphalia Elementary –
Amy Carey, Lisa Falls

USD 386 Madison-Virgil, Madison Elementary –
Barb Kuhlmann

USD 417 Morris County, Council Grove Elementary –
Becky Catlin, Pam Smith, Kylie Williams

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