Elementary Math

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Impact of a Teacher-Led Early Algebra Intervention on Children’s Algebraic-Readiness for Middle School —

Principal Investigator: Maria Blanton
Co-PI: Rena Stroud
Funder: U.S. Department of Education (IES)
Website: LEAP

Current reforms in mathematics education underscore the critical role of algebra in elementary, middle and high school. The project consists of an Early Algebra Learning Progression (EALP) intervention materials in Grades 3 to 5, accompanying assessments to measure students’ learning, and teacher professional development materials.

Impact of Early Algebra on Students’ Algebra Readiness —

Principal Investigator: Maria Blanton
Funders: The National Science Foundation

This project is testing the effectiveness of a comprehensive, longitudinal early algebra intervention in elementary grades 3-5 on middle-school algebra-readiness.

Investigations in Number, Data, and Space® —

Website: http://investigations.terc.edu/
Publisher: Pearson

Investigations in Number, Data, and Space® is a complete K-5 mathematics curriculum, developed at TERC in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Learning Trajectories in Grades K-2 Children’s Understanding of Algebraic Relationships —

Principal Investigator: Maria Blanton
Funder: The National Science Foundation
Website: Children’s Understanding of Relationships

This project aims to understand specific ways in which grades K-2 children begin to think algebraically. It will identify how children understand mathematical relationships, how they represent the relationships they notice, and how they use these relationships as building blocks for more sophisticated thinking.

Make Connections: You and Me and Math —

Principal Investigator: Marlene Kliman
Funder: The Heising-Simons Foundation

YMCA of Silicon Valley and TERC are collaborating to prepare for, conduct, and support a national rollout of Make Connections: You and Me and Math, our full-year, English/Spanish adult-child math program for ages 0-5.

Retention of Early Algebraic Understanding —

Principal Investigator: Maria Blanton
Funders: The National Science Foundation
Website: Project LEAP
The project is a unique and time-sensitive opportunity to extend our current NSF-funded research on the impact of a 3-year, longitudinal early algebra intervention on children’s algebra readiness for middle grades. More »

**Technology to Support Mathematical Argumentation —**

**Principal Investigator:** Andee Rubin  
**Funders:** National Science Foundation  
**Website:** [http://tma.mit.edu/](http://tma.mit.edu/)

In collaboration with MIT and leading mathematics educators studying early algebraic reasoning, TERC is designing and implementing a computational toolset with which elementary students can construct and share mathematical proofs in the service of learning to be competent algebraic reasoners. More »

**Using Routines as an Instructional Tool for Developing Students’ Conceptions of Proof —**

**Principal Investigator:** Susan Jo Russell  
**Funders:** National Science Foundation

This project is developing and investigating a teaching model to help 2nd through 5th grade teachers integrate the concept of proof into their mathematics instruction. More »