

MATH

Recently, Mrs. Fiske's 7th-grade advanced pre-algebra classroom transformed into a lively Math Café, where learning and fun were on the menu! For one day, students stepped into the roles of servers and customers, turning their classroom into a bustling restaurant. The activity aimed to bring real-world applications of math to life by incorporating skills such as calculating tips, applying tax, and determining discounts. With menus in hand and smiles on, students eagerly took their roles seriously, ready to serve up both meals and math challenges.

Each "customer" placed their orders from a carefully crafted menu, featuring real snack items parents sent in for the occasion. The "servers" were responsible for taking orders, calculating the total cost, and adding appropriate tips and taxes. Students rotated roles throughout the period, ensuring everyone got a chance to play both parts. The atmosphere buzzed with excitement as students double-checked their calculations, ensuring accuracy for their classmates. This hands-on experience not only reinforced essential pre-algebra concepts but also highlighted the importance of math in everyday scenarios.



The highlight of the day, according to the students, was enjoying the real food they had purchased with their mathematically calculated totals. From chips and cookies to pop tarts toasted in a real toaster, the treat at the end of their calculations was a well-earned reward. Mrs. Fiske's Math Café has become a positive memory for her students, proving that math can be both practical and enjoyable. Levi said, "This was the best math class ever! I loved the math cafe!" Mrs. Fiske was happy that this themed day delivered a memorable experience of math in action.

