#### Math Concepts: L1 and L2

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How do we manage the learning of Math Concepts in L1 and L2?

The math literacy lessons in DLM are scaffolded for the students.

#### Math L1/L2 Strategies

• We offer a strategy for managing the math concepts in dual languages are inherent in the program.

#### We already know:

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• From Brain-based research that an additive English approach within bilingual education is compatible to the development of language.

# We already know that such an approach works for the development of:

**BICS and CALP** 

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Additive vs. Subtractive Bilingualism

Access of Cognitive Skills

#### **Brain Research**

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Second language acquisition has an open window for brain connection from birth to age ten; therefore, beginning a dual language program at an early grade level is the recommended practice for school personnel and parents.



## **Supportive Theoretical Frameworks**

Students reach high levels of academic achievement when the following three components are developed.

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Subject matter teaching in first and/or second language

Literacy development in first and second language

Comprehensible input in English and the second language

#### **National Data**

(Standardized Reading Scores - ELL Students)



average *Reading* score of native English speaker

(Thomas & Collier, 2002)

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#### **Separation of Languages**

Separation of languages for instruction helps promote language development.

## **Comprehensible Instruction**

• *Comprehensible instruction* is carefully making instruction understood by utilizing strategies that scaffold language acquisition.

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• *Monitoring language* use and comprehension throughout the delivery of a lesson is explicitly planned to check that students are making sense and understanding what is being taught.

#### **Comprehensible Instruction**

- Modeling
- Chunking Language
- Contextualizing Vocabulary
- Cognates
- Visuals
- Hands On

#### Monitoring Language

- Paraphrasing
- Repetition
- Adjusting Speech
- Checking for Comprehension

## STRATEGY

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• This strategy involves maintaining L1 language instruction in Math, while using clarifications for transitioning to L2.

Bilingual Pedagogical Theory (Lara-Alecio and Parker, 1994)

Consists of four dimensions:

Language Content

- Language of Instruction
- Communication Mode
- Activity Structures



(Lara-Alecio & Parker, 1994)

Rafael's Story: The Constructor's Tools (An Example of Clarifications in Action)

#### Examples

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## The Cowboy Mouse with Clarifications (Storyretell for English Language and Literacy Acquisition)

Math Clarifications from DLM