

Story Problem "Contest"

My Math Club is creating and solving story problems, and I thought the rest of you might enjoy sharing the fun with your students. Here's the challenge:

Can your students make up three (or more) original math problems?

In Math Club, we started by reading the book **Math by Kids** for inspiration. I can't print those stories for you, because of copyright rules, but if you look on the worksheets and pdfs page at *Let's play math!* blog, you will find some stories my past students have written, arranged in roughly increasing order of difficulty. After you solve a few of these problems with your children, encourage them to make some of their own.

And please, share their gems with us! You can submit problems by email to me at letsplaymath@gmail.com. Include the student's first name, age, and hometown. [Age not required for problems written by the teacher!] If I get enough submissions, I will put them all into a little workbook and publish them at the end of the year. Nothing fancy, but it should be fun to read each other's problems.

As an added incentive, I offer the *Story Problem Maker Award*, for writing at least three original math problems. This certificate is also available on the worksheets and pdfs page at *Let's play math!* blog. Feel free to print it out and present it to any student who qualifies.

I'm looking forward to hearing the math problems you and your students create!

-- Denise Gaskins

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