Making Foldables with Preservice Teachers

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How we started

- In the elementary classroom, 2001
- In the college classroom, 2011
Grounded in research

- NCTM (Process Standards)
- State Standards (CCSSM)
- Neuro-Developmental Functioning (Levine)
Mathematical Proficiency

Higher Order Cognition
- Applied Reasoning
- Rule Understanding Use
- Concept Formation and Linkage

Attention
- Previewing / Estimation
- Self-Monitoring / Pacing
- Focus on Detail

Language
- Semantics
- Symbolization
- Sentence Comprehension

Memory
- Pattern Recognition
- Procedural Recall
- Sequential Memory
- Factual Recall
- Active Working Memory

Spatial Ordering
- Geometric Perception
- Graphic Representation
- Visualization / Mental Imagery

Adapted from: Mel Levine
What is a foldable?
Feedback

“This gives students a schematic, which is how the brain works. This is an efficient study tool that provides students with an organized way to think about the content.”  

Professor

Preservice Teachers:

“It helps me learn the material.”

“Can’t wait to use foldables in my future classroom!”

“This will be a helpful study tool for the ExCet Exam.”

“Making foldables helped me see how this material could be presented in an elementary classroom.”
Let’s Make Foldables!

Problem Solving

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Central Tendency / Spread
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Whole Number Operations
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Fraction Wall
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Probability Study Cards

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What we’ve learned…

• Ensure student information is written correctly
• Should be more than note-taking
• Should include visual and summative info
• Feedback is helpful (ensure students are making correct connections)
• Allows testing higher order thinking
Foldable topics

- Problem solving
- Venn diagram / Sets
- Whole number operations
- Whole number algorithms / conceptual models
- Divisibility
- Integer operations
- Fraction wall

- Ratios/Proportions
- Data displays
- Statistics
- Probability
- Geometry
  - Vocab
  - Formulas
Wrap-up

• Questions?
• Comments?
• Concerns?
More feedback

• “I loved it! It allows the students to do a hands on activity, and they can also visualize and create the fractions with their foldable.”

• “It helps unorganized people be organized with their notes.”

• For those of us who learn visually and hands-on, this method targets that. We hear it, translate it into our own words, then draw it.”
“They allow for organization of the material. They group relevant information together and for me, make the information easier to grasp.”