

Oral Language Activities

Gallery Walk

The Gallery Walk is an interactive discussion technique that allows students to focus on other students' mathematical thinking and solutions.

Procedure:

1. Have students work in groups to solve a mathematical problem and to record their thinking on chart paper.
2. Post the chart paper solutions around the classroom. Direct students to stand at their own solution and then rotate the groups clockwise to a new solution.
3. Ask students to read and analyze the solution on the chart paper and then record comments, questions, and/or suggestions for improvement using sticky notes or by writing directly on the chart paper.
4. After three to five minutes, have groups rotate to the next solution. Remind students to read what has already been written and to add only new comments, questions, and/or suggestions.
5. Continue the rotations until groups have been to at least three solutions.
6. Instruct groups to return to their own solution and to read the comments, questions, and/or suggestions. Students can use the feedback to make changes to their solution.