



Barb Wilmot

Making the Grade on Standardized Tests

*A common sense approach to **raise test scores**, regardless of the type of test!*

A 2-day workshop for teachers of grades 3 through 6 who are concerned about their students “making the grade”

Teachers in the intermediate grades are being hit from all sides by new standards, fewer resources, and more and more demands. Keeping up with one discipline is tough enough, let alone six or seven. **Help is available** to address the dilemma that exists between the math that students need to know and simultaneously preparing them for the tests they are required to take.

In this two-day workshop, Barb Wilmot will help you solidify your thinking and planning, teach you to more effectively communicate with parents, and give you strategies to **prepare your students for all types of test items**, including multiple choice, short response, and those scored with rubrics and matrices. Arm your students with the computation, problem solving, and estimation skills necessary for life in the 21st century!

You Will Discover:

- Ideas to elevate students’ motivation to do well on standardized tests
- Strategies to meet the needs and demands of the various ability levels in your classroom
- Practice activities that promote meaning and cultivate the discovery of relationships
- Ways to improve your own mental math skills and communication
- Problem solving that uses the calculator as a teaching tool to enhance computation skills
- Techniques for enriching and expanding traditional tasks
- Diagrams that recur, thus saving time by connecting concepts
- How communicating and connecting concepts increase the probability of long-term retention
- Ideas for extensions and questions you can use immediately
- Questioning techniques that promote higher-level thinking skills
- Powerful answers to parents’ most frequently asked questions

You will receive:

- Dozens of classroom-ready, rich tasks you can *immediately* use
- Proven strategies to help students make sense of computation
- Assistance with altering your activities to give them *new life* and importance
- Hands-on exploration time with new ideas for manipulatives
- Effective ideas for mental math and math review
- Experience with exploring, patterning, conjecturing, and generalizing
- Insight into authentic assessments
- Information to share with colleagues, administrators, and committees
- Suggested solutions for your classroom challenges
- A list of resources, including books, materials, journals, and web sites

Teach them the math they need to know while they master the tests they have to take!

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**Mathematics
Grades 3-6
2 Days**