

Re: Choice of topics in math education

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In article <f79f061c.0406080430.1bc50495@posting.google.com>, worldrecord@juno.com (David Ames) wrote:

> juuitchan@hotmail.com wrote in message

> news:<9159d95e.0406071618.6e17b333@posting.google.com>...

> > 2) *Why don't students learn a day-of-week algorithm? This might actually be*
> > *useful.*

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> *This was published at least 60 years ago in Uspensky's book on theory*
> *of numbers. It is rather complex. Why would anyone bother to learn*
> *it?*

(Heaslett and) Uspensky is not the last word on the topic.

John Conway came up with a nice method that many people have learned.

He called it the Doomsday method, and you'll find many cites on the web.

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