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in article <ubdvg.14649\$5o5.123@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, the poster formerly known as colleyville alan <nospam@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

"Arturo Magidin" <magidin@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:eg4110\\$umb\\$1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:eg4110$umb$1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

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|snip

|>>Do you enjoy math?

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|> If I didn't I wouldn't be a mathematician.

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|>> If so, why?

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|> The pleasure of finally solving a problem that once seemed

|> unsurmountable is a very big part of it.

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|>>How could teachers and students make math more fun to learn?

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|> Why does it have to be "fun"?

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|Because students who enjoy the subject will learn it more thoroughly than those who hope that once the final exam is over they never have to see another math book. If the subject is worth knowing, it is worth knowing it thoroughly, not superficially.

the main reason to "make" math fun is that it is fun. when it's not fun that's generally a tip-off that you're not actually doing math but are instead wasting your time on worthless crap.

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