

Re: Abolish Fractions?

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On Jan 30, 11:36 pm, Gerry Myerson <ge...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

In article <gig2q3d6ll02jc6ge044n7paum35gjn...@xxxxxxxx>,

quasi <qu...@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Wed, 30 Jan 2008 16:38:02 -0800 (PST), amzoti <amz...@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

Thoughts?

<http://www.usatoday.com/tech/science/mathscience/2008-01-23-fractions...>

He's a kook.

When you've accomplished one-tenth of what he has, maybe you can call him a kook. In the meantime, I suggest you

1. don't believe everything you read in usatoday,
2. keep a civil finger on your keyboard, and
3. wait until you see a detailed exposition by the man himself.

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Gerry Myerson (ge...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx) (i -> u for email)

The man may or may not be a kook, but he's dead wrong.

Ignorance of fractions literally dooms a student in middle-school and high-school math. And not because "they have to learn fractions there too".

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It's because competent high schoolers can think in terms of ratio and proportion, and those who cannot deal with fractions cannot.

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