

HOW TO USE

Five Minutes for Success

Welcome to *Primer*. I believe you will have a positive experience with the unique Math-U-See approach to teaching math. These first few pages explain the essence of the methodology, which has worked for thousands of students and teachers. I hope you will take five minutes and read through these steps carefully.

If you are using the program properly and still need additional help, you may visit us online at mathusee.com or call us at 888-854-6284.

–Steve Demme

Special Instructions for *Primer*

In *Primer* we are giving students a taste of several math concepts but not requiring them to master these concepts, so make it fun. Use the blocks as much as possible. Let the students develop a positive attitude towards numbers and number concepts as they are introduced to math for the first time. Attitudes are catching. As you and your student build with the blocks, play the games in the lessons, and enjoy the subject, it will set a positive tone for the class. The concepts taught in *Primer* will be introduced again and taught for mastery beginning in *Alpha*.

Support and Resources

Math-U-See has a number of resources to help you in the educational process.

Many of our customer service representatives have been with us for over 10 years. They are able to answer your questions, help you place your student in the appropriate level, and provide knowledgeable support throughout the school year.

Visit mathusee.com to use our many online resources, find out when we will be in your neighborhood, and connect with us on social media.

The Goal of Math-U-See

The underlying assumption or premise of Math-U-See is that the reason we study math is to apply math in everyday situations. Our goal is to help produce confident problem solvers who enjoy the study of math. These are students who learn their math facts, rules, and formulas and are able to use this knowledge to solve word problems and real-life applications. Therefore, the study of math is much more than simply committing to memory a list of facts. It includes memorization, but it also encompasses learning the underlying concepts of math that are critical to successful problem solving.