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The Importance of Teaching Math to Children

I will argue that society is harmed in many ways because we fail to teach children according to their true potential in mathematics. I will present evidence from psychological and educational research, as well as evidence gathered by the JUMP program, that ability in mathematics can be nurtured in even the weakest students. I will examine which of the approaches to math education presently used in our school are working and which, in my opinion, need to be modified or re-evaluated.