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This book is everything! Deborah Peart Crayton names the harm of traditional math practices and offers thoughtful, practical alternatives—with warmth, humor, and heart. We are all mathers—and this book will help you believe it, too!



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Readers Read. Writers Write. Mathers Math!

Bridging the Gap Between Literacy and Mathematics

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When it comes to math, educators can feel the same tension they see in their students—from uncertainty and anxiety to a lack of confidence in their own skills. This mindset creates barriers in teaching and learning and perpetuates disparities in achievement. ***Readers Read. Writers Write. Mathers Math!: Bridging the Gap Between Literacy and Mathematics*** introduces a groundbreaking framework to support educators in transforming their own math identities and creating classrooms that redefine the concept of literacy to include numeracy, so that every student feels capable, confident, and excited about math.

Author Deborah Peart Crayton challenges the notion that math is optional; instead she empowers educators to build a positive relationship with math while helping their students do the same. Grounded in the belief that math, like literacy, is essential for navigating the world, this book offers strategies and tips to reshape math instruction and create a supportive environment where every student thrives.

- Through storytelling, practical tools, actionable plans, and “mathfirmations,” this book
- Redefines mathematics as a vital part of life
- Applies literacy teaching strategies to math instruction to inspire math engagement outside of the traditional block
- Integrates math into reading, writing, and other subjects for meaningful, cross-curricular learning
- Uses oral traditions, visual storytelling, and interdisciplinary methods to create a joyful, rich, and holistic learning experience

Whether you’re building confidence in your own math skills or looking to foster a community of math enthusiasts in your classroom, this book will equip you to lead the way. By viewing math as an essential life skill rather than an exclusive discipline, every child can realize their potential as a Mather!