SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

EDUCATION 475-4

DESIGNS FOR LEARNING: MATHEMATICS (Elementary)

Regular Summer Semester, 1991

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PREREQUISITE: Education 401/402 or equivalent.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Elementary mathematics can be stimulating and fun for both teacher and student. The curriculum will be presented through a variety of strategies and activities designed to promote student interest and growth in the subject and reduce anxiety. A problem solving/hands on focus will be emphasized throughout the course.

TOPICS THAT WILL BE COVERED

- Problem solving
- Cooperative learning
- Strategies to encourage second language students
- Number and number operations
- Estimation and mental computations
- Measurement
- Calculators and computers
- Data analysis
- Geometry
- Historical topics and algebra
- Mathematics across the curriculum
- Gender equity in the mathematics classroom

EVALUATION

Due dates and details will be discussed during the first session. Evaluation will be based on the following:

- attendance and participation
- completion and presentation of unit plan with an activity
- choice of review of textbook or software package or preparation of an activity log/resource book

NB: Assignments may be submitted in either French or English

TEXTBOOK

Mathematics Grades 1-8 Curriculum Guide, 1987.