Learned Dialog

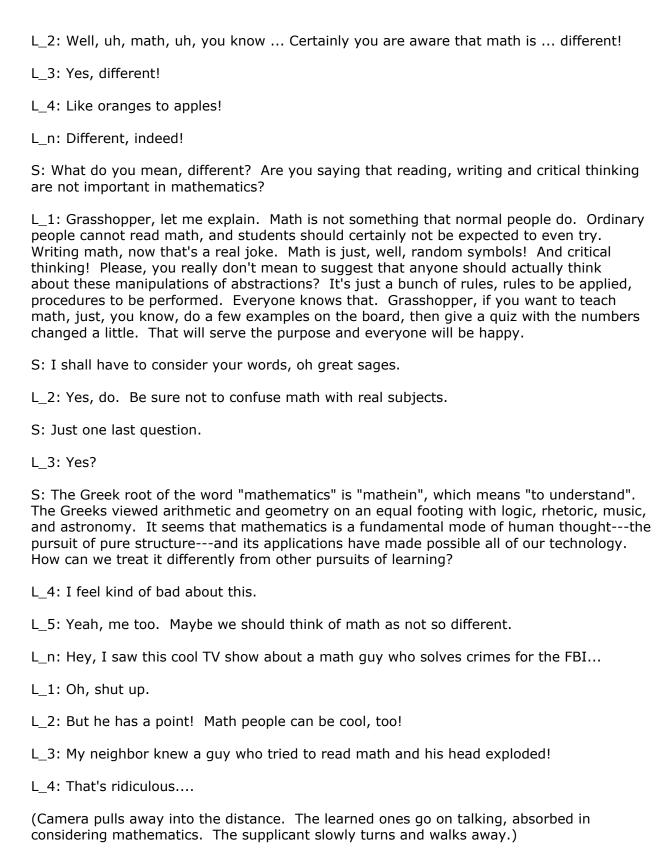
a short silly play by Divad Snoyl

L_1: Did you say ... mathematics?

S: Yes ...

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S = Supplicant
L1,...,L n = Learned ones
The scene: The learned ones in robes seated at a great conference table. Supplicant enters
and stands before them.
S: Greetings, oh learned ones.
L_1: What do you wish, oh supplicant?
S: I am designing a curriculum, and seek your collective wisdom. May I ask you some
questions?
L_1: You may.
S: Thank you, sages of science and heroes of humanities. I wish to know what is most
important. Is it important to read?
L_1,...,L_n: YES! Absolutely! Of course! How could this be in doubt?
S: Is it important to .... write?
L_1,...,L_n: Undeniably! Without question!
S: Is it at all important to ... think critically?
L_1,...,L_n: Above all other things! How can you even ask this?
S: Is it important to ... develop dexterity in rote, mechanical processes that can be better
done by a machine, and which will quickly fade from memory?
(Pandemonium. Yelling finally calms down.)
L_1: No. This is not an enduring or worthy goal.
S: Thank you, thank you, oh sages, for your clarity. I shall design my mathematics
curriculum to pursue the goals of reading, writing, and critical thinking.
(Stunned silence.)
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