

Other Math Method and Sakamoto have different specializations (as discussed previously). So they actually complement each other.

Q: HOW LONG IS THE PROGRAM?

A: The Sakamoto program is a Math enrichment class, so it is taken concurrently with the students' Math classes in school. In other words, it is continuous. The Sakamoto Class is held once a week. It is one hour long.

Q: WHAT MATERIALS DO YOU USE TO TEACH THE STUDENTS?

A: We have worksheets/workbooks for the students. Workbooks are categorized according to topics and the level of difficulty. There is an achievement test at the end of each workbook to ensure that the student really understood the topic and is ready to move on to a more difficult workbook or a new topic.

Q: DO YOU GIVE HOMEWORKS:

A: Yes, but it really depends on the student. For those who can do more, we give more homework. For those who don't want or don't have time to do homework (since they are already busy with their school work), we give them less or none at all. We don't want to force students and cause them to dislike Math. What is more important to us is that they understand what is being taught to them and be able to apply that knowledge in their life, and in the process, hopefully they will learn to love Math.

We have worksheets which we can give as class work or as homework. Usually, if the student hasn't finished with his/her current workbook, we give a few pages as homework. However, if the succeeding pages make use of a new concept or topic which the teacher feels needs to be explained to the student first, we don't give it to them yet to prevent the students from being confused.

If the student finishes the workbook and passes the achievement test at the end of the session, they don't have homework. This is because the next workbook has a new topic or

concept, which the teacher has to explain first before making the students, answers the questions. This is done to make sure that the students will not be confused or get the wrong idea. It is also better for the students to get used to solving problems the correct and systematic way right from the start.

Q: HOW MUCH IS THE FEE?

A: The tuition fee is Ps. 450.00 per hour. There is a Ps. 400.00 administrative fee at the start. It covers the registration fee, the diagnostic or placement test, and the initial materials.

The tuition fee does not cover workbooks, since students finish them at their own pace. Once a month, a child is expected to finish 4 workbooks (Ps. 120.00 for Grade 1 to 3 and Ps. 180.00 for Grade 4 to 6)

Q: WHO ARE THE TEACHERS?

A: We have a pool of teachers who will be handling the different classes in different centers. All our teachers are well trained and well qualified. All are graduates of the top universities in the country (such as Ateneo and UP). Many of them graduated with a Math degree and have finished or are finishing their Masters. Some of them have a double degree in Math and in Education.