Two Groups of Students in Math Class

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Task Placemat: Two Groups of Students Template.

What are the characteristics of students in:

- 1. The "good" at math group;
- 2. The "poor at math" group; and,
- 3. Common amongst many in both of these groups.

"Good at Math"

- Strive to understand the "why" behind the ideas being learned
- Not afraid to ask questions to clarify their understanding
- Are not held back by basic math fluency, can focus on deeper ideas
- Generally have some confidence in their abilities
 - Are sometimes openminded to various approaches and angles to approach problems from

Both

- Want to do well and be encouraged/validated for their efforts
- Compare with their peers
- May be afraid to make mistakes
- Sometimes don't see the direct connections between what they are learning in math and the "real world"

"Poor at Math"

- Afraid of failure and therefore of trying
 - Not interested in the topics being covered, do not see a reason behind it
 - Low fluency in basic skills
 - Have the perception that they are not smart
 - Think that they either know or do not know something (there is one singular final answer that matters in math)

Good at Math

Poor at Math





Making Math Moments That Matter

