Assessing While Learning

Tammy Fitting
MSU-Moorhead
Mathematics Learning Center Director
fittingta@mnstate.edu
web.mnstate.edu/fitting

During this presentation we will spend:

- 1) Short amount of time on:
 - a) Defining Formative and Summative Assessments
 - b) A quick review of some neuroscience topics that relate to the learning, switching tasks and asking questions.
 - c) A short discussion of some topics including the following as we preview the various tools:
 - i) Is there a mathematical ceiling for students? (Ben Orlin, Math Ceiling)
 - ii) Do we make it too easy for our students or help them too much? (*Unintended consequences in best practices what we did TO our students when they didn't get it,* Math-World Liaison)
 - iii) Getting the students to think.

2) The majority of the time on:

- a) Reviewing features, uses, and benefits of the following free formative assessment and reflection tools. There are many options within each of these tools but here is a short summary of the ones I use.
 - i) Mentimeter.com
 - (1) 2 question option is good for reflections and metacognition activities
 - (2) 5 question quiz option works well for quick check of understanding.
 - (3) Results are downloadable but not summarized for every student individually.
 - ii) Socrative.com
 - (1) Summary and final results are available as a .pdf.
 - (2) Assessment can be written in a spreadsheet template and uploaded.
 - (3) Saves 5 assessments in account. So may be more efficient to present questions on overhead and enter choice in Socrative.
 - iii) Whiteboard.fi (This is my go to tool for multiple formative assessments in one class session.)
 - (1) Students can submit images.
 - (2) Results are downloaded to a .pdf.