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Throw down any terms that you think someone who is new to twitter or the MTBoS might find useful to know -- they can be acronyms, words, phrases, whatever! **They don't have to be math teacher specific -- anything that someone new to twitter (or even social media) might find useful!** We'll turn this into part of a little guide for teachers new to this community!

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Common ideas/phrases/references used in the MTBoS

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180 blogging - a post or photo every day for an entire school year

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wcydwt - What Can You Do With This?

tmwyk - Talking Math With Your Kids

HDYK - How do you know?

nixhetricks: a movement to get math teachers to abandon using “tricks” to teach and gives alternative approaches for these tricks which foster better understanding (<http://nixhetricks.com/>)

Common abbreviations used in the MTBoS

#1TMCthing: one item or takeaway that members of #tmc15 pledged to implement this year. Everyone was also tasked with finding at least one of these from someone else to follow up with in October.

#MTBoS: math twitter blogosphere: a math teacher community which regularly communicates using twitter and blogs, and occasionally meets up in real life. Using this hashtag will make your tweet visible to many in the community since many actively search for it.

#needaredstamp: common math mistakes that students make that drive us teachers crazy - and we just want a red stamp to say "NO! THE SUM OF THE SQUARES IS NOT THE SQUARE OF THE SUMS!"

PLC/PLN: *professional learning community/network*

S, Ss: *student, students*

T, Ts: *teacher, teachers*

#wcydwt /# wcwdwt - what can you do with this or what can we do with this. An image or video that is interesting - and so we ask how can we integrated into what we do?

#wqdyh - what questions do you have?

PD: *professional development*

SBG, SBAR: *standards based grading (aka proficiency based grading in some regions), standards based assessment and response*

PBL, PrBL: Project Based Learning, Problem Based Learning

IQL: Inquiry Based Learning

GGB: *geogebra (software for geometry and algebra <http://www.geogebra.org/>)*

HS: *high school*

MS: *middle school*

CR: *classroom*

GMD: *global math department <https://www.bigmarker.com/communities/GlobalMathDept/about>*

#nahf: need a high five

#tmc, #tmc15, #tmc16, etc: a hashtag to indicate a [yearly meetup/conference](#) of math teachers who are in this community

INBs: interactive notebooks, where students keep all documents/work in a composition book that becomes their “textbook.” Cf. Foldable

1:1: A school/classroom where every student has a device

2:1 A school/classroom/activity where 2 students work on one device

BYOD: A school/classroom where students are allowed/expected to “bring your own device” from home to use

VNPS: “Vertical non-permanent surfaces” = covering your room with whiteboards that the students work on. (Not necessarily whiteboards. But just vertical spaces for Ss to work on)

VRG: Visible Random Groupings of students

Common abbreviations used on Twitter at large

<3: Heart! Love!

#ff: follow friday (a list of people that the person sending the tweet thinks are worthy of ppl following)

HW: *homework*

IMHO: twitterspeak for *in my humble opinion* - sometimes just *IMO* (thought it was as in my “honest” opinion)

h/t: *hat tip* [saying this info comes from person X] Also HT

TWSS: *that’s what she said* (bad joke implying double-entendre)

ICYDK: *in case you didn’t know*

ICYMI: *in case you missed it*

RT: *retweet* [sending someone else’s tweet to your followers]

Pls: *please*

TY: *thank you*

TIA: *thanks in advance*

TL;DR - too long; didn’t read. I shared the article, liked parts, but didn’t read the whole thing.

#tbt - throwback Thursday

+1, +100: *I agree with the tweet to which this is replying and would add my vote to it, I super duper agree!*

MT: modified tweet (when first joined twitter, I thought this meant many thanks :) **haha love it!**) (I thought it was "Mountain")

RLT: *regarding last tweet*

LRT: *last retweet (used to make a comment on the thing this person previously retweeted)*

Tweet ending in +: *couldn't fit what I wanted to say in these 140 characters, it is continued in the next. Sometimes also indicated with (1/2) for 1st in a series of 2, or similar. Some also use ellipsis "..."*

DM: *direct message. A tweet that can only be seen by the sender and receiver; a Twitter "message". Both parties must follow each other for this to work.*

/s: *what was written before this was meant as sarcasm*

Q, Qs: *question, questions*

A, As: *answer, answers*

abt: *about*

TIL: *today I learned*

FWIW: *for what it's worth...*

BTW: *by the way*

FOMO: *fear of missing out*

YMMV: *your milage may vary (as in, this worked for me, but don't take my word for it working for you)*

AMHIK: *Ask me how I know. ("Don't try to jump out of a moving vehicle. AMHIK.")*

How to use different symbols/Who can see my tweet?

.@xxxxx: *If you lead a tweet with @someone it will only be seen by that person and people who follow that person and you. Leading with a dot or some other mark allows everyone who follows you to see it*

Somehow add that if you're sending out the same thing to multiple people w/ multiple tweets, start with the mention so people don't see 15 versions of the same tweet? Like "@a @b @c Check out my new blog post"; "@d @e @f check out my new blog post!" instead of "check out my new blog post @a @b @c" or is that too picky to add?

Also explaining about how replies work and how to see all the replies to a tweet. I still don't know how to do this without clicking 14 different tweets. (+1) And I just heard you're supposed to reply to your own last tweet if you want to continue a thought in a conversation. ← this is helpful, and you can even delete the

@yourself part from the beginning and it will still “chain” them into a conversation so if you click on the last one, it opens them all up in a thread. *And that whomever you decide to list first in your mention is most important?* ← probably because that will determine who can see the tweet (only people who follow that person in addition to you) *So confused.*

Also about people that have privacy settings and non-retweetable

???Question: how do you create a tweet with someone else’s tweet embedded underneath?

TweetDeck (<http://www.tweetdeck.com>) gives you the choice of how you retweet, either quote or not.

TweetDeck is free and is the best way to handle following multiple twitter hashtags at once.

Can someone explain if capitals matter?--they don’t matter in terms of following a hashtag, but sometimes make something more clear and easy to read.

Twitter Chats

#__chat usually refers to one of two things

- a specific time when people gather on twitter to discuss a focused topic. Everyone is welcome. People see the discussion by searching for that hashtag, or have other people see their comments by using them.
- idea of interest to a particular group that you make more visible by using that hashtag. Even when there’s no regular #mathchat, for instance, people will still check that tag.

#tmwyk: talking math with your kids (often connected to @Trianglemanscd)

#slowmathchat: chat typically run by @mjfenton. "Slow" because unlike most chats, you have the entire day to respond.

#geomchat

#MSMathChat:

#ggbchat

#probchat: Not probability, as I thought for ages, but “problem” (as in interesting/complicated math problems) (Thank you for clearing that up. I’m learning so much from this!)

#eduread weekly discussion of a education book

#statschat - statistics chat, usually AP Statistics

#statchat - Same thing, but more higher ed chat usually. Some crossposting with #statschat

#alg1chat

#alg2chat

#k12mathcoach - a chat for math coaches and how to improve the craft of coaching teachers

#teachsmall - a hashtag about teaching small, individualizing the interactions, making every learner feel valuable and valued.

#teach180

Other Resources

[Marilyn Burns questions](#) ([post](#), which also covers why she tweets)

- What are lists and how should I be making use of them?

Lists are a way to create a “list” of people who share a common interest; for example my Stats focused list found here: <https://twitter.com/gwaddellnvhs/lists/stats-tweeps> which allows me to see only the tweets from someone who is related to the teaching of statistics in some way vs. this list of Authors and Researchers in mathematics education: <https://twitter.com/gwaddellnvhs/lists/math-researchers-authors>. I follow everyone in both lists, but by using one list over the other I can focus on different types of tweets.

- When responding to a tweet, how do I make my tweet link to the one I’m responding to with that helpful vertical line that seems to link some tweets?

I get that if I use the reply button on Twitter app or from the Twitter webpage.

- Is there a difference in tweets when I put people’s usernames first or last?

Determines who can see the tweet. At the front, only those who follow both of you. Anywhere else, and everyone who follows you can see it.

STEPHANIE BOYER’S TWITTER TIPS PAGE:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/16P9nbC4wzeAkyssBTwtxmKV4y_t--QRZxWLNqy0v6P0/edit

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