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Key Curriculum Press Introduces *Critical Math*

New Online Library of Inquiry-based Lessons Supplements Traditional Curriculum

Emeryville, Calif. (June 29, 2009) — Many teachers feel confined by a traditional curriculum that doesn't address their students' needs. To provide educators with an alternative source of math lessons, Key Curriculum Press® introduces *Critical Math*™. The subscription service offers instructional leaders an online library of inquiry-based lessons to supplement the standard curriculum. Engaging, interactive activities enable teachers to present mathematical concepts in a way that reaches their diverse student population, and helps students retain what they learn.

Critical Math allows instructional leaders and administrators to integrate inquiry-based instruction into their existing Algebra 1, Geometry or Algebra 2 curriculum. Aligned to state standards, investigations from *Critical Math* promote critical thinking skills and put the math in context for high school students, which leads to increased comprehension. Lessons rely on proven instructional strategies, including cooperative structures, direct instruction, multiple teaching modes, and thoughtful integration of technology. Field-tested to ensure effectiveness, each lesson contains extensive teacher notes, lesson plans and homework worksheets.

“*Critical Math* can be used by individual teachers, or as an effective professional development tool for schools or districts introducing inquiry-based pedagogy,” said Karen Coe, president of Key Curriculum Press. “The inquiry-based instruction enables students to develop mathematical skills in a meaningful and retrievable way, to help them meet learning goals and feel confident in their mathematical knowledge.”

In addition to inquiry-based resources, *Critical Math* offers educators on-demand professional development. Videos of real classroom teachers presenting lessons and investigations assist teachers who are new to inquiry-based instruction. Extensive teacher notes are available to ease the transition to a new instructional strategy. As an added benefit, instructional leaders and administrators can use the classroom videos, teacher guide materials, and lesson plans to provide professional development for their staff.

Critical Math will be available September 2009.

To sign up for updates on *Critical Math*, visit www.keypress.com/criticalmath.

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Key Curriculum Press develops effective, high-quality mathematics and science educational materials. The company is a leading publisher of inquiry-based textbooks, software and supplemental materials for elementary, middle and high school students. In addition, Key Curriculum Press offers professional development workshops and online courses to provide mathematics and science educators with the training, experience and support they need to incorporate effective teaching strategies. The company was founded by mathematics educators in 1971 and is headquartered in Emeryville, Calif. For more information, visit www.keypress.com or phone 800-995-6284.

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