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**DavidWe:** Hi, Debbie. Welcome

**DebbieGst3:** Thanks! I'm pretty new at this.

**DebbieGst3:** Hello! Happy New Year!

**BjB:** welcome to the Math Resources K-20 discussion, Debbie

**DebbieGst3:** Thanks!

**DavidWe:** Happy New Year, Debbie.

**BjB:** We usually start the discussions in Tapped In with introductions

**BjB:** I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania and always looking for ways to integrate math and the arts

**DavidWe:** I'm David Weksler. I'm a HelpDesk volunteer for Tapped In and lead a math and technology discussion in Tapped In. I'm in New Jersey near New York City

**DebbieGst3:** I am an elementary teacher for Colorado Virtual Academy and also the K-5 math coordinator for the school

**EmilyW:** I am a helpdesk volunteer

**DavidWe:** Where are you based in real life, Debbie?

**DebbieGst3:** Western slope of Colorado

**DavidWe:** That's a lot of slope

**DebbieGst3:** I know, my husband teases me about being a "virtual" teacher.

**DavidWe:** We will encourage you to join Tapped In as a member - it's free and members have a number of advantages over guests

**DebbieGst3:** I cover a very big area

**DavidWe** . o O ( big boots, huh? )

**DebbieGst3**: OK, I'll try and do that soon.

**DebbieGst3**: Just quick feet

**DavidWe**: is this your first time logging in to Tapped In, Debbie?

**DebbieGst3**: I've been in a couple offices before briefly.

**DavidWe**: Would you mind sharing with us a little more information about the Colorado Virtual Academy?

**DebbieGst3**: Our MS teachers have offices, but I haven't set one up yet.

**DebbieGst3**: We are a publicly funded charter school in Colorado.

**BjB** . o O ( COVA? )

**DavidWe** nods

**DebbieGst3**: It is based in Adams 12 school district (north Denver), but all eligible students can enroll.

**DebbieGst3**: Yes, COVA for short.

**DavidWe**: We've met a few other COVA teachers

**DebbieGst3**: We now cover grades K-9

**DavidWe**: How long has the school been operating?

**DebbieGst3**: 5 years--we started out k-2 and have been adding on each year

**DavidWe**: Very cool

**DavidWe**: What's the push, focus, theme, agenda, goals, etc?

**DebbieGst3**: I started as a parent teaching my daughter the first year, and then the second year became a teacher for them

**DavidWe**: Cool

**DavidWe**: What made you consider the school for your daughter as opposed to the local public school?

**DebbieGst3:** Schooled at home by parents with certified teacher support, high academic standards, can learn at their own pace (within reason, of course)

**DebbieGst3:** We send out the lesson plans via internet

**BjB:** why are you logged in as a guest, Debbie?

**DebbieGst3:** We supply all the materials, a computer, printer, and internet reimbursement

**DebbieGst3:** I haven't been in much, and it was the quickest way.

**DavidWe** smiles

**DavidWe:** Anything we can help you with, Debbie, about math or anything else?

**DebbieGst3:** I actually may be a member, but didn't take the time to look up the info

**BjB:** the only problem is that you won't get a transcript of the discussion as a guest

**BjB:** what is your last name, Debbie?

**DebbieGst3:** Lund

**BjB:** your username is Debbie Lun

**DebbieGst3:** OK, I found my log in info

**BjB:** do you remember your password?

**DebbieGst3:** Should I go out and log back in with it?

**BjB:** please

**BjB:** then we'll show you how to join the math group

**DebbieGst3:** OK, just a sec

**DebbieGst3** left the room (signed off).

**DebbieGst3** joined the room.

**DebbieLun** joined the room.

**DebbieLun:** Now am I OK?

**BjB** cheers...excellent job, Debbie!

**DebbieLun**: Sorry, I'm still learning

**BjB**: we're all learning, Deb!

**DebbieLun** smiles

**BjB**: see the welcome note above this chat window?

**DavidWe**: Looking good, Debbie

**DebbieLun**: Yes

**BjB** . o O ( welcome to Math Resources )

**BjB**: scroll down to the sentence This is the group room for Math Resources

**DebbieLun**: OK

**BjB**: and click on the green i

**BjB**: you should see the group ID page

**BjB**: at the top is a place to JOIN THIS GROUP

**BjB**: just click and you're joined

**DebbieLun**: Looks like I'm in

**BjB** . o O ( and the group is added to your favorite places menu )

**DebbieLun** smiles

**BjB** shuts up and lets David take over the discussion

**BjB** . o O ( thanks for letting me butt in, David )

**DebbieLun**: but I probably will have to leave in a few minutes to take my daughter to basketball practice.

**DebbieLun**: Sorry

**DebbieLun**: I will look forward to the transcript though

**BjB**: Jeff, the usual leader of the group has a lot of resources in this room

**BjB:** so come back when you have time

**DebbieLun:** I will

**DavidWe** welcomes Bj's "butting in" at anytime

**BjB:** and introduce yourself to the group on the threaded discussion board

**DavidWe:** Do you know about the Math Forum, Debbie?

**DavidWe** . o O ( [www.mathforum.org](http://www.mathforum.org) )

**DavidWe:** Big web site for math education for the past 12 years

**DavidWe** . o O ( 13... )

**DebbieLun:** I don't believe I've been there.

**DebbieLun:** I will try it.

**DavidWe:** You might something valuable there

**DavidWe:** It's a big resource - some of it requires a subscription now, but there is a lot of good stuff for free

**DebbieLun** left the room (signed off).