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Real Math TED Talk Review

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Check out this bold exploration of the relationship between math in the real world and in education. Conrad Wolfram explains how math education is boring and difficult because it focuses on calculation, which is something that computers can do very well. He states that math is not equal to calculating, and by using automation, children could learn the concepts of math quicker and more enthusiastically. Does that sound intriguing to you? Are you totally against it? Watch this TED Talk to learn more.

http://www.ted.com/talks/conrad_wolfram_teaching_kids_real_math_with_computers.html

This is a fascinating TED talk. As a result of watching it, I'm allowing my 7th grader to use a calculator more than I ever allowed my older girls to use one. It is a new technological age we live in. My 20-year-long homeschooling experiment has turned out three brilliant young ladies. I'm willing to experiment on this last child!