

“Algebra for 3rd graders”? That’s much too late.

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Yes, students should be introduced to algebraic concepts early on (“Algebra for 3rd graders?” April 8), but grade 3 is much too late.

If we are ever going to catch up to the Chinese and win the STEM race, we need to get serious and put the pedal to the metal: Concepts underlying fractions and basic geometry should be thoroughly covered in pre-school, so kindergarten children can begin pre-calculus.

I feel, however, that kindergarten children should only be required to study differential calculus; Integral calculus and differential equations require a bit more maturity.

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