Monkeys, Mathematics, and Mischief:

What are the lifelong lessons of school?

A rare opportunity with the creator of "Calculus in 20 minutes."

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How useful is math really? How often do you and will you 'solve for x' in your everyday life? Here we'll ask, "What is the point of studying mathematics?" We'll also discover some really great life lessons that can be learned through math to allow us to see our world and ourselves in a clearer way. We'll contemplate these big ideas while considering the antics of monkeys. No fancy mathematics will be explicitly mentioned. The competition will be over; breathe, relax, and have some fun.

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