Area – Parenting
Scenario – Babysitter Pay

Standards
SD FCS Standards
FCS 5.1.2
Examine expectations and responsibilities of parenting.

SD Mathematics Standards
Math 9-12.N.2.1
Students are able to add, subtract, multiply, and divide real numbers including integral exponents.

What will you do?
Each student will read the given scenario and figure the cost of hiring a parttime babysitter and justify which person would be the best for the job.

What is the scenario?
You have just recently moved to the community and do not know very many people. You have a 1 year old and a 3 year old. You and your spouse would like to go out for dinner and catch a movie and do not know who to get for a babysitter. You will be gone for approximately 5 hours. You start asking around at work for references on people to call.

Person A: This sitter is 15 years old, they drive themselves to the children's house. They do not do anything extra, just watch the children. When the parents arrive home the toys a usually all over the floor and snacks are not cleaned up. This person charges $1.50 per child per hour.

Person B: This sitter is 16 years old, they do not have a driver's license and you would have to go and pick them up. When they come to baby-sit they always have an activity bag with them ready to do new activities with all ages of children. When the parents arrive home the toys are always put away and snack foods are cleaned up. This person charges $2.00 per child per hour.

How will you do this?
*   You will read through the scenario given.
*   You will calculate the amount you will need to pay for each person.
*   You will justify which person you are going to hire.

How will you be evaluated?
Individual student answers may vary.

Supplemental Materials

Resources