What & Why?

Monitoring for Meaning

Partner Instructions – We do!

1. The person with the smallest little finger is person 1. The other is person 2.
2. Pick up 1 poster paper, 1 problem, 12 strips of colored paper, and a marker.
3. On the poster paper, the person with the best handwriting should copy the steps of the solution to the problem below in clear, neat writing, leaving some space between each line. Use the WHOLE poster.
4. Write a “What” and “Why” explanation for each step of the solution on a colored strip of paper. Hang it beside the step. Use our math vocabulary and clear, concise language.
   1. Person 1 – Write “What” first
   2. Person 2 – Write “Why” first
   3. Switch for each step of the solution
5. When you’re finished, study the work of two other posters. Put an “!” next to two things you see that are extremely clear and well-communicated, and write one thoughtful question about something you see on each of the posters.
6. Return to your seats, and begin working individually on the next problem.

