

How To Find Stuff On Moodle Forums



We have entered the CPM Algebra page in order to give you a tour of the different kinds of supports and learning activities available. One support available for Algebra is the homework help forum. The icon shows two faces looking at each other, which is how you tell forums from activities, links or documents and allows multiple people to post individually or to respond to the posts of others. Clicking on Homework Help opens this particular forum.

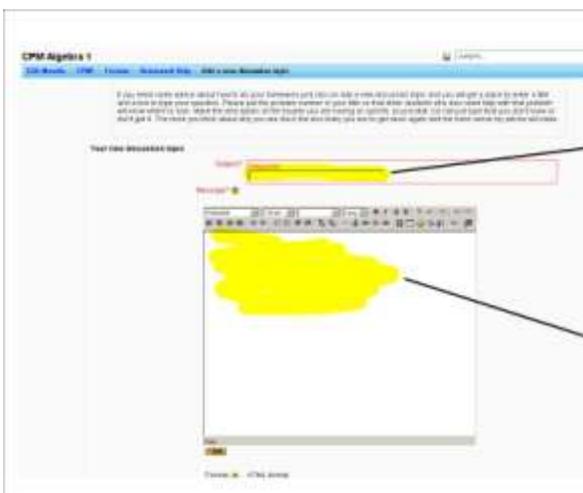
At the top of the page you will see what is called the “cookie crumb trail” which allows you to navigate either back to the main page of this course (CPM1) or to the main Moodle page (SSD Moodle).

To post to this forum you would click add a discussion topic.

It is possible that someone else has posted a question for help about the same problem you or your child would like assistance with or they may have posted a question that you and your child have some advice about. We encourage students to offer suggestions when they are able (not actual answers) and to ask questions when they need help. Descriptive titles allow others to use the information in a particular topic, and teachers to give assistance to all their students with just one posting. If you are seeking assistance check to see if the problem you are encountering isn't already addressed.



If our question has not already been addressed in a previous topic we can ask our question by clicking on the “add a new discussion topic.” This will take us to a screen where we can type a descriptive title and ask our question.



Our topic must have a title. If it is about a particular math problem it helps if the problem number is in the post. If it is a question about a type of problem than a description of the type of problem (graphing, problems with two equations etc.) will help the teacher and other students have an idea about what the thread or topic represents. We encourage students to ask the most specific question possible. Typing in that you don't get it stops your thinking while a question like “How do I write three times a number plus five in algebraic terms?” lets the teacher know where the student is struggling and what parts of the problem to emphasize when it is discussed in class. Often thinking of how to explain the question reminds students of answers helping them learn how to get themselves “unstuck.”

Forums are also used to encourage students to share their thinking. This sharing can be among the students in their class, their school and even with students from other schools in the district. Forum assignments typically require students to post a topic to a particular forum and respond to the posts of others. While we encourage students to agree or disagree and to present an argument, we want them to focus on claims and evidence so that the arguments are about the concept and not about each other.