SYLLABUS: MATH 221
Basic Concepts of Elementary Mathematics I
11:15-12:05 on MWF in LeConte 101

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(let me know in advance if you want to see me)

Peer Leader: To be determined

Prerequisite: qualification by placement exam or a grade of C or better in Math 111 or 115

Attendance Policy: Absence from more than four class sessions, whether excused or unexcused, is excessive. Your grade will be lowered 1/2 of a grade level (from A to B+, B+ to B, etc.) if you miss 5 classes. Your grade will be lowered an additional 1/2 of a grade level if you miss 8 classes.

Cell Phone Policy: Please remember to turn off your cell phone prior to class.

Text Book: *A Problem Solving Approach to Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers* by Billstein, Libeskind, and Lott, 8th ed.

Web Page for Course: Material for the course can be obtained at

http://www.math.sc.edu/~filaseta/courses/Math221/Math221.html

Grading: Pen Pal Journals (10%)
Class Participation and Quizzes (15%)
3 Tests (15% each)
Cumulative Final (30%)

Date and Time of Final Exam: Thursday, April 27th, 2:00 p.m.−5:00 p.m.

Remarks: • There will be no make-up grades for this course.
• Your course grade will be reduced by 2% each time your journal is not turned in on time.
• The lowest quiz grade will be dropped.
• There are no exemptions for the final exam.

Grading Scale:

Numeric Grade (percentage)	Letter Grade Equivalent
≥ 90	**A**
≥ 87 and < 90	**B$^+$**
≥ 80 and < 87	**B**
≥ 77 and < 80	**C$^+$**
≥ 70 and < 77	**C**
≥ 67 and < 70	**D$^+$**
≥ 60 and < 67	**D**
< 60	**F**