

Quote of the Day
Math 240, Summer 2011

May 24 “Grown-ups like numbers...They never ask questions about what really matters.”
-Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, *The Little Prince*

May 25 “I may not be as strong as I think...But I know many tricks and I have resolution.”
-Ernest Hemingway, *The Old Man and the Sea*

May 31 “Uneven numbers are the gods’ delight.”
-Virgil, *The Eclogues*

June 1 “There are books of which the backs and covers are by far the best parts.”
-Charles Dickens, *Oliver Twist*

June 6 “If you’re in pitch blackness, all you can do is sit tight until your eyes get used to the dark.”
-Haruki Murakami, *Norwegian Wood*

June 7 “My only love sprung from my only hate! / Too early seen unknown, and known too late! / Prodigious birth of love it is to me, / That I must love a loathed enemy.”
-William Shakespeare, *Romeo and Juliet*

June 8 “Dark and difficult times lie ahead. Soon we must all face the choice between what is right and what is easy.”
-J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*

June 9 “You’re afraid of making mistakes. Don’t be. Mistakes can be profited by.”
-Ray Bradbury, *Fahrenheit 451*

June 14 “Armageddon was yesterday, today we have a serious problem.”
-Stieg Larsson, *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*

June 15 “The movement of humanity, arising as it does from innumerable human wills, is continuous. To understand the laws of this continuous movement is the aim of history. Only by taking infinitesimally small units for observation...and attaining to the art of integrating them...can we hope to arrive at the laws of history.”
-Leo Tolstoy, *War and Peace*

June 20 “We all have the same beginning—birth—and we all have the same end—death. So how different can we be?”
-Mitch Albom, *Tuesdays with Morrie*

June 21 “Anyone who cannot cope with mathematics is not fully human. At best he is a tolerable subhuman who has learned to wear shoes, bathe, and not make messes in the house.”
-Robert Heinlein, *Time Enough for Love*

June 22 “If I am given a formula, and I am ignorant of its meaning, it cannot teach me anything, but if I already know it what does the formula teach me?”

-St. Augustine of Hippo, *De Magistro*

June 27 “But that is the beginning of a new story—the story of...[a man’s] passing from one world into another, of his initiation into a new unknown life. That might be the subject of a new story, but our present story is ended.”

-Fyodor Dostoyevsky, *Crime and Punishment*

June 28 “Happiness is the longing for repetition.”

-Milan Kundera, *The Unbearable Lightness of Being*