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From time to time labs can be turned into seminars in which the students who have arrived at solutions or interesting results can present their findings.

The end result should be that a student appreciates pursuing an idea, sees beauty in the arguments and simplicity of relationships and is struck with wonder at unexpected relationships and results. Mathematical thinking can be better realized with appreciation of its beauty.

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An astronomer who was named Cecil
Was quite fond of those functions called Bessel
Said his Wife, "I see
You love them more than me:....
And she boarded a foreign bound vessel!

A programmer living in Crisp,
Fell in love with a Will o' the Wisp;
Said his parents (in Cheshire)
"Don't mix business with pleashire"—
But he still did his courting in LISP!

Oh, his-tor-y may seem to you
A thing of bygone value;
It's soothing, tho', if you compare
It to an eigen-value.

Möbius Strip Labels, Yet?

The tags on scarves, they make me sick;
They always show—they're so conspic:
You know what this is all about?
There's no inside, there's just an out!!