Humor in Mathematics

1.   Identify this (famous) drawing.

    Pumpkin Pi

2.   Three Indian squaws were pregnant. One lived in a tepee with a deerskin for a rug. She gave birth to a son. The second lived in a tepee with a buffalo hide for a rug. She also gave birth to a son* The third lived in a tepee with a hippopotamus skin for a rug. She gave birth to twin sons. Which goes to show that the sons of the squaw of the hippopotamus is equal to the sons of the squaws of the other two hides.

3.   Once upon a time there was a very smart horse that could add,, subtract, multiply, divides and even do roots. One day someone suggested that the horse should try some analytic geometry (ordered pairs, graphing, and so on).

    The horse promptly died.

    Which goes to show that you shouldn't put Descartes before the horse.

4.   When the floodwaters had receeded and the animals could finally leave the arks Noah (mathematician that he was) told them all to "Go forth and multiply." All of the animals left except the snakes, who just lay on the dock, crying. So Noah asked them what was wrong and they told him they couldn't multiply because they were adders.

    So Noah thought for a while and finally sent his son out into the forest to cut down a tree. When this was accomplished, Noah instructed him to cut the tree into short sections and to build a table, When this was done he took the snakes and placed them on the table, saying, "That should solve the problem. Even adders can multiply on a table of logs!"

5.   Riddle: What animals didn't come to Noah's ark in pairs? Worms. They came in apples.

6.   Riddle: Can a triangle fly? Yes, it's on a plane.