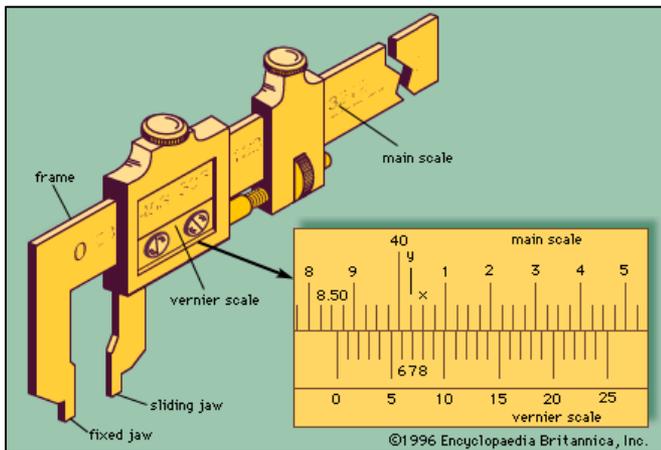
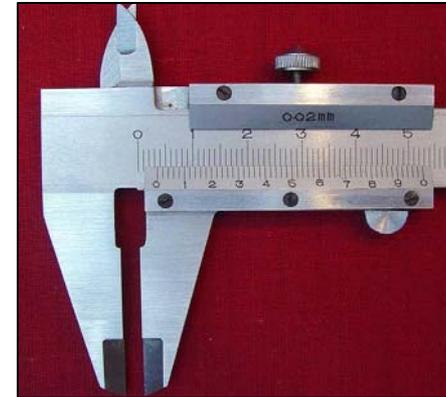


# Today in Math History...

*-19 August 1584*

**Birthdate of Pierre Vernier...**  
developer of an accurate scale  
for the astrolabe.



*A vernier scale lets one read more precisely from an evenly divided straight or circular measurement scale. It is fitted with a sliding secondary scale that is used to indicate where the measurement lies when it is in-between two of the marks on the main scale.*