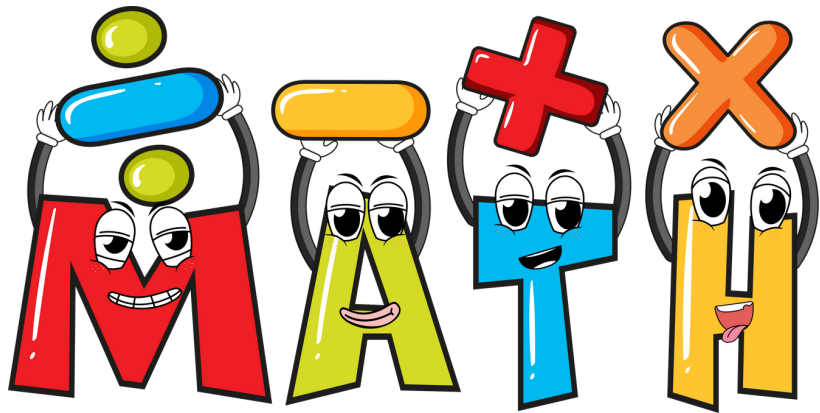


# Be POSITIVE about



Let your child know that everyone can learn math.	<b>Why?</b>	Because everyone is capable of learning math.
Let your child know that you think math is important and fun!	<b>Why?</b>	Because math is how we make sense of the world.
Be positive about your own math abilities! Try to avoid saying things like, "I was never good at math," or "I never liked math".	<b>Why?</b>	Kids are sponges! Too often children's relationships with math are tainted by adults in their lives.
Encourage your child to be persistent if a problem seems difficult.	<b>Why?</b>	Math is so much more about the process of thinking than of the answer.
Point out how different family members use math in their jobs and everyday lives.	<b>Why?</b>	Math is everywhere! Math is beautiful and makes the world go 'round!

## February's Activity of the Month: The World Around Us

Kindergarten – Gr. 3	Gr. 4–6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Go on a Shape Hunt - Can your child find different shapes around them? Turn it into Eye-Spy, "I spy with my little eye a circle. Can you find it?"</li> <li>Taking tally is a great way practice counting, and a clipboard and pencil can even make it fun! Make a list of different items you're likely to see: birds, snow shovel, animal tracks, etc. and put a tally mark each time you see one of the items.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Estimate the angles on houses (roof peaks, railings, etc.)</li> <li>There is a lot of math used in Sports: batting averages, points per game, save percentages. Read reports about games you've watched together and talk about the statistics.</li> </ul> 