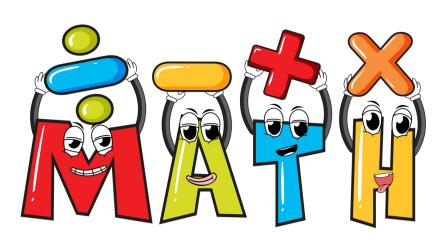
## Be POSITIVE about



Let your child know that everyone can learn math.	Why?	Because everyone is capable of learning math.
Let your child know that you think math is important and fun!	Why?	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".	Why?	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.	Why?	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.	Why?	Math is everywhere! Math is beautiful and makes the world go 'round!

## January's Activity of the Month: Counting Cars!

Kindergarten - Gr. 3	Gr. 4–6	
<ul> <li>Count how many cars you see while out driving. You can count out loud together or have your child count out loud for both of you.</li> <li>When your child needs more of a challenge, have them count only blue cars, or only white trucks, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Look for license plates with digits that have a sum of 11. Then next time, make it 13, etc.</li> <li>Estimate the time a trip will take based on speed and distance.</li> <li>Figure out the cost of gas for a trip.</li> </ul>	

