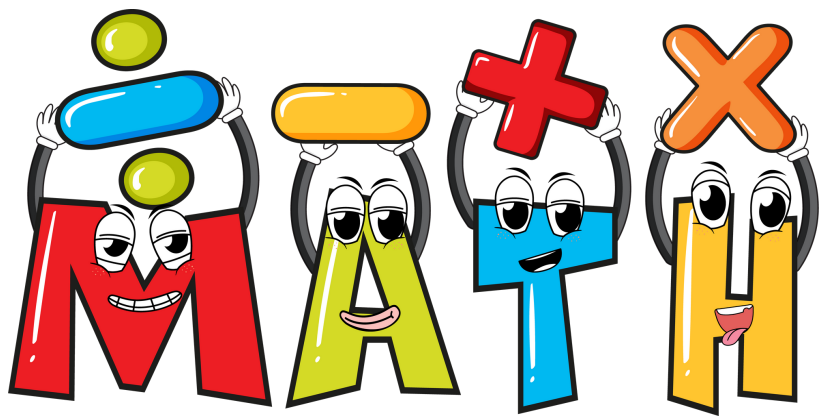


# Be POSITIVE about



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!

## June's Activity of the Month: The Great Outdoors!

Kindergarten – Gr. 3	Gr. 4–6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estimate the time it takes to walk to the playground, then time it and see how close they are</li> <li>• Estimate the number of steps it takes to walk to the playground, then count the steps as you go</li> <li>• Put an outdoor thermometer outside a window for you and your child to view together. With your child, record the temperature over a day/week or a few weeks. Ask your child to look at the recordings and find which temperature was the warmest and which was the coldest. Have your child compare the temperature from your outdoor thermometer with the temperature reported on the news. Discuss any differences.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estimate the angles between tree branches and the trunk</li> <li>• The summer solstice is June 20, and now days will be shorter. How much shorter every day? You can check weather apps to get sunrise and sunset times and keep a log on how much longer days are getting every day too!</li> </ul>