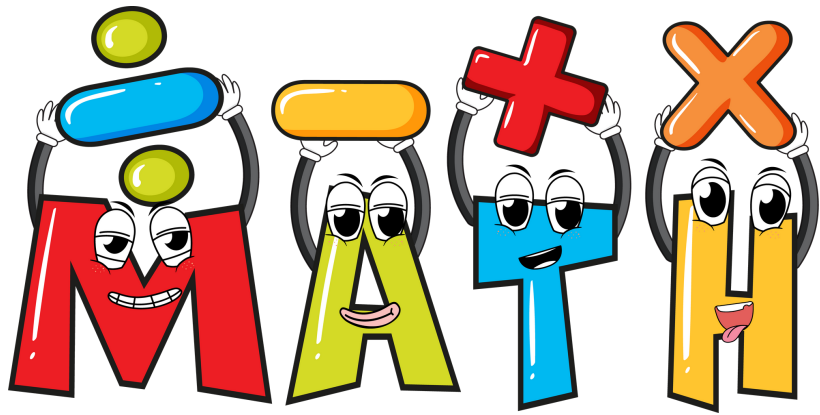


# Be POSITIVE about



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!

## May's Activity of the Month: Dinnertime Talks!

Kindergarten – Gr. 3	Gr. 4–6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compare the amount of food on your plate to your child's plate - who has more? Who has less?</li> <li>• Involve your child in using numbers to solve problems and make everyday decisions. You might ask: "We need six tomatoes to make our sauce, and we only have two. How many more do we need to buy?" or "Two guests are coming for dinner. How many plates will we need? How many utensils?"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have them cut their food into equal pieces - point out and discuss fractions they can make</li> <li>• Estimate or calculate the cost of a meal out</li> </ul>