

Dear Families,

The way you feel and talk about math can affect how your child feels about math! So I want to share some important information about math with you to help set your child up for success:

Myth:	Fact:
✗ Some people are “math people” and some people aren’t.	✓ We can all be math people! If you didn’t like math as a kid, try not to share that with your child. Try to get excited about learning with them.
✗ Math is boring and you don’t use it outside of school.	✓ Math is all around us! When we cook, budget, and do chores, we are using math. Many games also use math. Math can be fun!
✗ Math is about learning the right steps to solve a problem.	✓ There are usually many different ways to solve a math problem. If one strategy doesn’t work, encourage your child to try something else.
✗ Math is about getting the right answer.	✓ The questions we ask and the way we think about the problem are just as important. Mistakes help us learn!

For this assignment, your child will ask some questions about how you use math in your everyday life. Here are some things to think about before you answer:

- What do you remember about learning math as a kid?
- Did you enjoy math? Why or why not?
- How do you want your child’s experience learning math to be similar or different from yours?
- Where do you use math in your daily life? Think about...
 - Counting, adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing
 - Sorting things by shape or color
 - Comparing sizes (bigger and smaller)
 - Measuring (rulers, measuring cups)
 - Estimating (How much should I cook? How long will it take to get there?)

Name: _____

Date: _____

Family Math Interview

Directions: Pick an adult to interview about math. It could be a parent, neighbor, babysitter, or older sibling. Ask them to read the letter first. Then, ask them these questions and draw a picture of what they say!



How do you use math inside the home?



How do you use math outside the home?



What do you do when you get stuck solving a math problem?

