

Parents as Partners

MATH AT HOME



CHAPTER 3

We can all learn math

Having a positive attitude towards mathematics will encourage your child to believe he/she can be successful.

Just as children see themselves as readers and writers, we want them to see themselves as mathematicians.



We can all learn math with the right time and support.

Parents/guardians are important role models in the learning process.

Make math fun

Let your child see the fun side of math.

Share times when you use math at home, at work, and in the community. Engage in math together by playing games, doing puzzles, looking for patterns and just playing with numbers.

Let your child see that you enjoy the challenge math can bring.

Show him/her that you struggle at times, that you are willing to try and to take risks, and that you enjoy the thinking that is involved in solving a mathematical problem.

Be positive

When your child is working on math homework, maintain a relaxed and positive attitude.

Encourage your child to persevere. Success will come.

Praise your child for his/her effort. Put the emphasis on the process and for working hard, not on getting the correct answer.

Feeling successful and having fun are the best ways for your child to develop a love of math and a belief in his/her ability to do math.