

Five Tips for

Families and Caregivers

to Nurture Your Student's Mathematical Mindset
and Boost Their Mathematical Success

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Learn about *i-Ready Classroom Mathematics*

You have enormous power to help your student succeed in math. Check out the Family Guide, found on the [Student Bookshelf](#), to learn about *i-Ready Classroom Mathematics* and how you can support and inspire your student's mathematics learning!

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Talk about Math with Your Student

Talk to your student about the math embedded in your day-to-day routines, such as when you budget, cook, or play board games as a family. Not sure where to start? Try these [Math Discourse Activities](#) to spark mathematical conversations between you and your student.

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Encourage Students to Stick with It

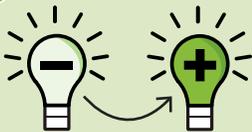
Your student encounters challenging math problems during the [Try-Discuss-Connect framework](#) through which they must persevere and problem solve. Encourage your student to keep at it by praising their efforts along the way. Try these phrases:

“ You can do hard things because you have the strategies to help. ”

“ I'm really proud that you kept going even when you got stuck. ”

“ Replace 'I can't' with 'This will take some effort.' ”

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Reframe Mistakes as Opportunities

Mistakes are part of the learning process. Model learning from your errors by saying things like, “Mistakes are OK. They help my brain grow and show that I am learning.” Practice asking curious questions with these [Math Discourse Cards](#) to encourage your student to learn from their mistakes.

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Celebrate Your Student's Creativity

When your student plays the [Learning Games](#), they will see math concepts presented in a variety of ways. Allow your student to choose their own strategy when solving a problem, so they can take ownership of their learning and make connections across mathematics ideas.

Check out ReadyClassroomCentral.com/FamilyCenter for more ideas and resources!