# **Family Letter**



Dear Family,

Welcome to Florida Reveal Math! We are excited to be part of your child's math journey. Throughout the school year, your child will be encouraged to notice and wonder about the math of different situations, to talk about their mathematical ideas, and to reflect on their learning about mathematics.

In this first unit, Math Is..., your child will think and talk about what it means to do math and to see him or herself as a "doer of mathematics."

### **Math in Action**

### Hi, I'm Dakota.

I love seeing math all around us! Do you see math all around you? Remember that we're all doers of math.



In this unit, your child will use terms related to how we think and talk about mathematics.

Term	Student Understanding
fractional	a part less than the whole
grid	a group of horizontal and vertical lines that form squares
model	a representation of a real-world situation





# What can your child do at home?

Encourage your child to talk about their life story to date. Have them think about their strengths in all areas of life, including sports, the arts, and school. You may want to share your life story from your school days, including your math story.

# What Will Students Learn in This Unit?

#### What it means to "do math"

Your child will explore what it means to do math – what are the habits of mind that proficient "doers of math" use. These habits of minds include:

- · making sense of a problem,
- · using math to model a problem situation,
- · reasoning about quantities,
- · explaining their thinking and responding to the thinking of classmates,
- · choosing appropriate tools,
- · being precise,
- noticing patterns and making generalizations.

Your child is introduced to the **Math Is...** feature that they will encounter in every lesson of the program. This feature offers prompts to help your child develop these important habits of minds.

### **Their Math Story**

Your child will interview their teacher or another adult about their math story and will then write about their own math story. Your child will be encouraged to expand their understanding of their strengths in math beyond just being fast with number facts to help them build a sense of agency as a doer of math. Your child is introduced to the **Math is...Mindset** feature that targets self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making.

#### A Productive Math Classroom

Your child will participate in a discussion establishing the classroom norms for the math class. Your child will think about how he or she needs to interact with classmates to promote respectful conversations and productive exchanges.