



THE IMPORTANCE OF MATHEMATICS

“Without mathematics, there's nothing you can do. Everything around you is mathematics. Everything around you is numbers.” (Shakuntala Devi, Writer and Mental Calculator, popularly known as the "human computer".)

A recent, popular movie showcased the importance of cultivating an interest in STEM -- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, especially among children. Taking an active interest in our students' intellectual well-being encourages them to reach for greater heights, helps them to realize that advanced academics is essential to growth, and that an educated mind commands respect. Naturally, as Comptroller, and because finance is my favorite subject matter, I impress upon young people the importance of mathematics. Numbers are the key to everything and are essential in our everyday lives. Science, technology and engineering are each dependent upon math and numbers, just as financial security is an important key to everyday living. Notable financial specialist Suze Orman says “Although money alone won't make us happy, the lack of money surely will make us miserable.” Teach children in their early years about the importance of debt-free living, saving money and respecting numbers and math.

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