

*Tis' the season...of wonder, joy, and magic!* It's the time of year when many start thinking of the giving and receiving of gifts. Whether those are gifts that are held in the hand or held in the heart, it is always the thought that counts.

I feel so privileged to receive the gift of joy daily: in the faces of our students, in the encouraging words of our instructors, and in the updates from parents, whose children are learning to love learning, perhaps for the first time. These are the gifts that mean the most to me and that I hold in my heart always.

We, at Lindamood-Bell Academy, wish you and yours the happiest of holidays. May you all have reason to be merry and celebrate the joy of the season.

Emily Jayne  
Director of Lindamood-Bell Academy



✧ We create the magic of learning! ✧

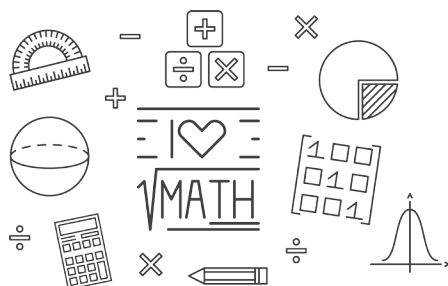
## CENTER STAGE



Ranging in age from 11 to 16, the four students in our math group have all taken a different path to get to Academy. Some attended specialized private schools while others came from a public school environment. Though their educational journeys and abilities are different, a common theme for each student was not being able to access curriculum in a successful and meaningful way, which led to difficulty keeping up in the classroom.

Our Academy instructors have worked to create a collaborative and supportive environment where these very different learners feel comfortable and confident taking risks with new and challenging material. Each student has completed a range of instruction in Seeing Stars and/or Visualizing and Verbalizing prior to starting Academy. Their newfound ability to create mental imagery for math concepts and facts has allowed them to find success in math for the first time.

## MATH GROUP





## WE SHINE ON STUDENTS ACROSS THE U.S.



## SHINE ON CAST

"I love that Academy has different styles of teaching to ensure the student is able to get the most out of it. We're able to think creatively and focus on the student. They're not just sitting there hoping no one calls on them or struggling to understand. They participate in homeroom and talk about their days. They have theme weeks, Wacky Wednesdays and celebrations. They even have yoga! It's just so great for the students to get a complete school experience in a way that is truly beneficial to them."

~ Stephanie Reich, Instructional Mentor



## STUDY TIP OF THE MONTH

Kids often struggle to organize their time, supplies, homework, backpack, or workspace. By creating a daily routine at home, you will provide your child with the chance to organize their thoughts and expectations, giving them the chance to hone in on one task at a time, stay focused, and succeed. Incorporating "imagery language" into this routine ("What do you picture doing first when you get home?" "What do you see yourself doing to get ready for bed?") encourages the child to visualize the steps they need to do to achieve their goals.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **December 6:** Favorite Holiday Shirt Day for Wacky Wednesday
- **December 13:** Rainbow Day for Wacky Wednesday
- **December 18-December 29:** Winter Break - No School
- **January 1:** New Year's Day - No School
- **January 2:** First Day of School in 2018
- **January 15:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School

