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National Museum of Mathematics (MoMath) Launches "MathPlay," New Pre-K Classes Designed to Improve Early Childhood STEM Education

Sessions for Three-Year-Olds: Thursdays through March 26 at 9:30 a.m. Sessions for Four- and Five-Year-Olds: Tuesdays and Thursdays through March 31 at 4 p.m.

New York, NY (January 8, 2020)—The <u>National Museum of Mathematics</u> (MoMath), the only Math Museum in North America, launched "<u>MathPlay</u>," new Pre-K classes designed to improve early childhood STEM education. Led by a preschool specialist and STEM educator, all sessions are at MoMath, located at 11 East 26th Street beside Madison Square Park in Manhattan. "MathPlay" sessions will be held for three-year-olds on Thursdays through March 26 at 9:30 a.m., and for four- and five-year-olds on Tuesdays and Thursdays through March 31 at 4 p.m.

"A child's math skills upon entering kindergarten can be a strong predictor of future academic performance in both math and reading," said Cindy Lawrence, CEO and Executive Director of MoMath. "As the only Math Museum in North America, we are eager to help young children build a strong foundation in mathematics so that they feel confident in their skills when it's time to learn in a classroom setting."

"MathPlay" introduces children to interactive activities that allow them to play, explore, and engage with STEM. A different theme is emphasized each week, encouraging children to create their own visual and audible patterns, measure the size of different objects, and identify the characteristics of different shapes through songs, stories, and games. Each lesson plan is designed to instill creativity, broaden math skills, improve problem-solving skills, fine-tune motor coordination, and enhance communication and social skills in a nurturing environment.

For more information, visit <u>mathplay.momath.org</u>.

About the National Museum of Mathematics

MoMath, the only math museum in North America, is located at 11 East 26th Street on the northside of popular Madison Square Park in Manhattan and is open seven days a week, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. For more information, visit <u>momath.org.</u>

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