

## Solving Equations: PCMMD

### Please catch my mother's dog.

- Parenthesis – work from the inside out
- Combine like terms, but don't cross the river (= sign).
  - \* Combine on scrap. Follow rule for addition and subtraction of signed numbers.
- Move the variable by doing the inverse (opposite).
- Move the constant by doing the inverse (*constant*: a number by itself; its value never changes)
- Divide by the coefficient (*coefficient* – number immediately in front of the variable; ).