

Parenting Education and Family Engagement

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Take Home Tips

Math Around the Home

Practicing math skills can be fun and easy for children. There are many things in your home that will encourage children to love Math and, at the same time, improve basic math skills.



Bath Time

- Ask your child how you might measure the water in the bathtub. Allow them to play with plastic gallon jugs, cups, liters, and measuring spoons.
- Use foam numbers that stick to the wall when wet.

In the Kitchen

- Have your child help put away groceries. They will be working on sorting skills by sorting the groceries into different categories and putting them in their place.
- Have your child compare items by weight and amount.
- Make cookies! It is an excellent way to develop an understanding of measurement.
- Have your child spread shaving cream on a mat on the table. He or she can practice writing numbers.

In the Living Room

- Teach your child to recognize different times of the day on a clock.
- Have your child find and identify all the shapes he or she can find in the living room.
- Play card games. There are many math concepts in card games such as War, Solitaire, and Kings Corner.
- Make up math songs and sing them with your child. Almost any song can be a math song.
- Read aloud books with math concepts included such as:
 - Ten Black Dots by Donald Crews
 - Hidden Figures by Winifred Conkling
 - Measuring Penny by Loreen Leedy

Other spaces

- Have your child help sort the laundry. Practice counting by 2's when sorting all the socks!
- Count various household objects like silverware, toys or even cars driving by.
- Create maps of your home. This is a great activity to do when creating your fire emergency plan.

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