

HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH MATH

1. Count with your child whenever you can. This can be in the car, helping in the kitchen, picking up toys, etc.
2. Have your child look for numerals in magazines and newspapers. He/She can cut them out and paste them in a "number book" made of pieces of paper stapled together. Pictures can be drawn to go with the numerals such as three dog, etc.
3. Help your child look for shapes everywhere. Cut sandwiches, cookies, etc. in shapes for your child to name.
4. Whenever possible, let your child help in the kitchen. Much can be learned about measurement, counting, etc.
5. Let your child become acquainted with money. When you are paying for something, show him/her how to count out change and what the coins are called.
6. Have your child learn to use the clock at home (Hour and 1/2 hour).
7. Divide food into fractions so your child may learn $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$.
8. Ask your child questions such as: Which glass has more water? Which has less? Who is taller? Which pencil is shorter?
9. Use stories to help your child with addition and subtraction. Example: If I had 2 apples and you had 2 apples, how many would we have together?
10. Use the calendar at home to learn numerals, names of the days of the week, names of the months.
11. To help with patterning, let your child string buttons or spools, etc. Ask him/her to copy a pattern you have made such as 3 buttons, 2 spools, repeat.
12. Let your child help you at the supermarket. You can ask him/her to look for numerals (find 5's for me today); also, he/she may hand you a certain number of items.
13. From a stack of buttons, beads, forks, and spoons, etc., have the child take the number of items you tell him/her to take out and make a pile (set) of them.