

My Child's Learning: A Parent Resource

Math Is Everywhere!



Learning Math

- Mathematics learning for your child may look different from what you experienced:
 - Children will talk about how they solve problems.
 - Children will use different objects to help them learn math skills.
 - Children will work with others often to solve math problems.
- Problem solving is a big part of the math program, along with reasoning and making connections.
- Children still learn basic facts, including addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. They also need to make sense of the answer rather than just memorize steps.
- In the past, students learned to solve math problems using a memorized, step-by-step procedure. Now students memorize and learn many ways to solve problems and understand why the methods work.

Did You Know?

Mathematics is everywhere. Children learn math facts by using them in many different situations.

How You Can Help Your Child Learn Math

- Help your child use mathematical language at home to estimate, measure, and compare by using words like “how much,” “how big,” “how small,” and “how many.”
- Talk about how you use math when cooking, reading maps, playing or watching sports, and building things.
- Choose games or activities that involve counting, logical thinking, or finding patterns.
- Use a clock to help your child tell when it is time to go to school, time to eat, or time to go to bed.
- Show your child how to use calendars to plan events, holidays, and schoolwork.
- Ask your child to calculate how much things will cost and how much change will be given when at the store.
- Sort and count items such as toys, clothes, and shoes with your young child.
- Be positive about math and let your child know they can be successful.



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