

KINDERGARTEN MATH TIPS

- Play board or card games together that involve counting, moving a certain number of spaces, or matching numbers.
- Go on a number hunt. Pick a number 0-9 and have your child practice locating it on whatever you happen to have around the house. Cereal boxes and other food packages often have lots of numbers!
- Have your child practice counting out loud as high as they can. Our kindergarten goal is to learn to count to 100! Looking for a challenge? Practice skip-counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s.
- Count as you do daily activities with your child - the number of steps to the basement laundry, the number of letters or catalogs that come in the mail, how many plates or bowls you will need for setting the table for a family meal.
- Play counting games in the car or as you walk down the street. "Let's count how many dogs we see between home and school." "Let's count how many trucks we can see on the way to the store."
- Collect objects in nature- leaves, rocks, shells and the like. When you get home, sort them by color, size, or type. How many different categories can you find? How many objects are in more than 1 category? Try making a pattern with the objects.
- Give your child a handful of change, and have them sort it into piles for each type of coin (penny, nickel, dime, quarter). Ask them how many of each coin you have. Have them practice telling you each coin's name and how much it is worth.
- Go on a scavenger hunt for shapes. Ask your child to find items that are triangles, circles, rectangles, and other shapes at home, on car rides, even at the store. Looking for a challenge? Find 3D shapes too, like: cylinders, cones, spheres, and cubes!
- Help your child practice learning important numbers, such as the numbers in their birthday, phone number, and address.
- Use household objects to practice doing simple addition and subtraction problems.
- Have your child practice making the numbers 0-31 out of play-doh, yarn, or pipe cleaners. Have them practice tracing the numbers 0-31 in sand, sugar, salt, whipped cream, etc.
- Practice using time order words like: yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Practice describing where things are in the house using positional words like: left, right, above, below, top, middle, and bottom.