



# Ways Parents Can Support Math at Home



1. Use everyday objects to allow your child to count and group a collection of objects. Play number games during everyday activities, such as counting the number of steps, the number of trucks you see while driving, or counting the number of items going in the laundry. Practice counting to 100 by ones and tens.
2. Encourage your child to construct numbers in multiple ways. For example, what are some ways that you can make 10? Answers might include  $5+5$ ,  $6+4$ ,  $8+2$ , etc. Have your child explain his or her thinking.
3. Have your child create story problems to represent addition and subtraction of small numbers. For example, "Ann had eight balloons. Then she gave three away, so she only had five left."
4. Encourage your child to stick with it whenever a problem seems difficult. This will help your child see that everyone can learn math.
5. Help your child recognize shapes and size relationships. Ask your child to find items that are triangles, circles, rectangles, hexagons, rhombuses, ovals and trapezoids. Ask your child to recognize or stack groceries you bought by container shape or organize by 3-D shape (e.g. cylinder, cone, cube, rectangular prism, pyramid, etc.)
6. Praise your child when he or she makes an effort and share in the excitement when he or she solves a problem or understands something for the first time.