Math Is Everywhere!

What Can I Do for My Child?

For Babies to Toddlers (0–2 years)

- Count your baby's fingers and toes out loud. Count other objects in your child's environment, such as toys and books. When your child begins to walk, hold his or her hand as you walk up stairs and count each stair aloud.
- Provide blocks for your child to play with.
- Play peek-a-boo with your baby or hide-and-seek with your toddler.
- Use descriptive words regarding size (large, small), amount (more, less), and shape (circle, square) as you go throughout your day.

For Toddlers (2–4 years)

- Use a timer to see how fast your child can clean his or her room or complete another task.
- Play counting games as you go throughout your day. Count objects or see who can find the most cows, red cars, or other specific items on a road trip.
- Blow bubbles and count how many your child can pop.
- Have your preschooler help you sort laundry into piles of colors.
- Help your child learn his or her phone number, address, and birthday.

For Older Children (4–5 years)

- Play dominos and have your child identify how many dots are on each domino.
- Have your child help you match socks, silverware, or other objects that have a pair.
- Provide your child with a seamstress-style measuring tape. Allow him or her to measure toys, furniture, and other household objects.
- Invite your child to help you make a meal, dessert, or play dough.
- Play "Mother, May I?" Have children line up facing you. The children take turns asking, "Mother, may I take (1, 2, 3, etc.) (baby, giant, tip-toe) steps?" You respond by either saying, "Yes, you may" or "No, but you may take (1, 2, 3, etc.) (baby, giant, etc.) steps." The first child to reach you becomes the "mother," and everyone else starts over from the beginning.
- Help your child learn his or her phone number, address, and birthday.

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