

# Make Room for Math!

Young children learn math skills by experiencing them and talking about them in every day situations. You help your child get ready to succeed in school by making simple math activities part of daily life and ordinary conversation. There's nothing to buy! Fantastic math experiences come up all the time. Here are examples of the simple and really important things you can do to give your child solid preparation for math:

## Count Things

"Let's count the steps up to the house."

## Sort Things

"Please put the plates here and spoons there."

## Make Comparisons

"Whose socks are the biggest?"

## Find and Create Patterns

"See the pattern? Blue, red, blue, red..."



## Create graphs

"Please mark your turn on the calendar."

## Build with Shapes

"Look at that big round circle you drew."

## Play Reasoning Games

"How many will be left if we give away 2?"

## For More Information

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