

Math at Home



Did you know?

Early math skills are one of the best predictors of children's later academic success!

Preschool Math Skills:

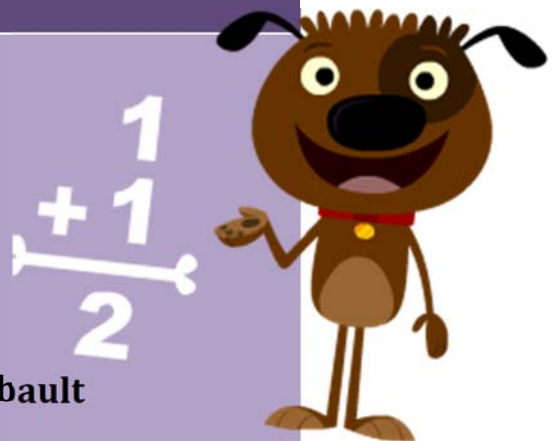
1. Counting aloud and identifying the number of objects in a group
2. Recognizing written numerals and correspondence to quantity (the symbol "3" means three objects)
3. Comparing quantities ("more" and "less") and sizes ("bigger" and "smaller")
4. Adding and subtracting small numbers of objects

Books for Early Math

Fish Eyes: A Book You Can Count On
by Lois Ehlert

Have You Seen My Dragon?
by Steve Light

Chicka, Chicka 1,2,3
by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault



Family Goal:

Caregivers can make math a fun part of every preschooler's day! Show your child how numbers and counting apply to everyday life. Use number words, point out number symbols, and involve your child in counting activities as you go through your day.

TRY THIS!

Board Games

Playing board games with numbers, Chutes and Ladders, for example, can help children gain counting skills and understand the ordinal relation between numbers!

As your child spins the spinner, encourage them to count from the number their token is on. For example, if they are on three and they get a two on the spinner, they should say "three", "four", "five" as they move their token.



Cooking

Have your child help you measure ingredients for a recipe by measuring and counting the number of cups or spoonfuls.

This is a great opportunity to talk about how things or amounts are more, less, bigger and smaller!

