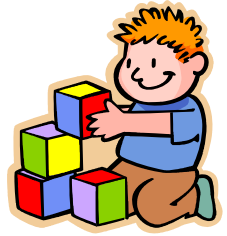


MATH

Easy activities to do with your child to get ready for math:

- Count objects with your child (buttons, cookies, stop signs, stop lights, red cars, etc.)
- Play sorting games with macaroni, beans, buttons, coins, etc. Sort by size, color, shape, special details.
- Find shapes in your home and around the community (rectangles and squares in doors and windows, triangles in pies, circles in plates and glasses, etc.)
- Find numbers in print (magazines, billboards, license plates, road signs)
- Compare and put objects in order by size, weight or length (ribbon, pencils, paper, belts, etc.)
- Have a calendar where your child can see it. Let your child mark special days and events on the calendar. Check the calendar together and talk about today's date, yesterday and tomorrow.
- Help your child learn about time. Use a timer or stop watch to structure play and work times. Set a timer for the length of play or quiet time. Time how quickly a child can put away their toys.



Shapes and space:

Playing with toys that can be taken apart, put back together or made into something new help children understand space and shapes. This can include dolls, paper dolls, models, blocks, Legos, and puzzles. Folding and cutting activities, such as making snowflakes, are also helpful.

Children are naturally creative and can find many ways to make shapes. You could make common shapes with your child using play dough, string, toothpicks and marshmallows, cookie dough, and/or sponges. As you do this, talk about the shapes using words like round, flat, corners, curved, and sides.