

Ten Ways

TO MAKE MATH FUN AT HOME Kindergarten – Grade 3

- 1. Sing counting songs such as "One, Two Buckle My Shoe". Play counting games such as Hopscotch, Snakes and Ladders, Crazy Eights and Candyland®.
- 2. Check out some great computer games available for Math and super websites that have fun Math games, such as **TVOKids**.
- 3. Count with your child; introduce skip counting, such as counting by 2s and 5s.
- 4. Practice adding and subtracting with objects found around your house. When they've become good at these skills, move on to simple multiplication.
- 5. Go on a number hunt together and discover places where numbers are used such as a clock, TV, computer keyboard, calendar and license plates.
- 6. Look for situations that create real life Math problems. For example, "There are four people in our family and we each need a knife and a fork to eat dinner. How many knives and forks do we need to set the table?"
- 7. Bake together and ask your child to help you measure out the ingredients. Have Math fridge magnets available so children can make number patterns and doing simple Math problems.
- 8. Measure and estimate things like how far it is from the driveway to the house or how long a trip will take. Then measure and compare the actual time it takes.
- 9. Talk to your kids about minutes and hours. Count days and weeks for example how many "sleeps" until the weekend or a visit to a friend or relative.
- 10. Play "I Spy" looking for colours and shapes in the room. Count how many items of that colour or shape you can find.

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