



Any Time is Learning Time

Math is all around us. We use it every day when we shop, cook, pay bills and do laundry. We also use math during playtime when we play a game, build with blocks and do art projects. Look at the list below. How many of these things does your child already do? Are there any new ideas he or she could try?

Everyday Math Moments

- Board games and card games often need players to count spaces, match numbers or add numbers together.
- Arts and crafts projects offer many chances to explore math. You can create patterns with pasta, draw or paint shapes or use clay to make dice or objects to count.
- If your child does chores at home, create a chart to keep track of which chores are finished and which still need to be done. Your child can then practice reading the chart and checking off completed tasks.
- Your child can practice math at the grocery store. Younger children can count objects like how many bananas are in a bunch. Older children can look at dollar amounts and practice adding up how much is needed to buy two items.
- Does your child like to help with the laundry? Even simple tasks like sorting socks, pants and shirts can include math. Have your child sort by color, sort by size or sort by type (all socks here!).
- Cooking and baking are other great ways to practice math. Children can practice ordinal numbers by knowing what comes 1st, what comes 2nd and what comes 3rd in a recipe. Children can also practice fractions when using a measuring cup or get a sense of “how much?” when using a teaspoon, tablespoon and cup to measure ingredients.
- Do you keep a calendar of family events? Let your child help you fill in the calendar. This will show your child the relationship between days, weeks and months.
- You can even include math while reading with your child. Have your child count the number of words in a sentence or the number of syllables in a word or line. Math is everywhere!

Visit PBS Parents for even more ideas on how to practice math at home.

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/education/math/math-tips-for-parents/summer-math/>



Odd Squad Games

Does your child like to play the computer or on a tablet? Odd Squad has free games online where your child can practice math skills. Visit the Odd Squad game page <http://pbskids.org/oddsquad/games/> to get started.

- **Code Breaker:** Oscar has forgotten where he put traps at Odd Squad Headquarters. Use patterns to figure out where Odd Squad can walk safely and avoid the traps.
- **Catch the Centigurps:** Centigurps are on the loose in Odd Squad Headquarters. Gather these furry creatures in groups of twos, fives, and tens to clean up and get Headquarters back on track.
- **Creature Duty:** Feed each creature in the park. Use fair shares to make sure he gets the type and amount of food he needs.
- **Down the Tubes:** Odd Squad's transportation tubes are broken. Measure and compare lengths to repair the tubes so that Odd Squad agents can continue to solve cases.
- **Pienado:** Help Odd Squad keep a tornado made of pies (and other odd weather systems) from destroying EVERYTHING in town! Combine shapes to make other shapes and patch the holes in the force field to contain the Pienado.

For math fun on the go, be sure to check out PBS KIDS mobile apps.

Odd Squad: Blob Chase <http://pbskids.org/apps/odd-squad-blob-chase.html>

PBS KIDS Video App <http://pbskids.org/apps/pbs-kids-video.html>

Have fun!