



Math at Home



Everyday activities (choose the ones that are appropriate to the age of your child):

- **Measuring lengths and distances for household projects.**
- **Measure for recipes.**
- **Follow step-by-step directions.**
- **Count out tableware, count out equal shares of other items.**
- **Sort laundry.**
- **At the supermarket: weigh produce, calculate better buy, price per item or per pound. Compare size & weight of quarts & gallons.**
- **Talk about math you use for your workouts, for sports statistics.**
- **Talk about money, spending and saving.**

Support math learning:

- **Plan scavenger hunts to find objects with specific characteristics (vertices and edges, groups of four, the number 5, weigh about one pound...)**
- **How far can you walk in one minute? How many jumping jacks in one minute?**
- **How many possible combinations are there for outfits, meal selections? Possible sequences for running errands?**
Practice organized counting
- **Play with dice, cards, board games, blocks**
- **Look for shapes and patterns**
- **Build with straws, blocks**



Asking about school:

What did you measure today? Did you hear any math stories?

Explain to me the math problems that you solved today.

Did you use any math shapes, blocks, dice or cards?

Did you make charts or graphs? What math words did you learn?

See www.nj.gov/education/assessment for information about NJASK.

Also www.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/math for ideas about math.