

Do-Anytime Math Activities 2

These Do-Anytime Activities are easy and fun to do with your child at home and they will reinforce the skills and concepts your child is learning at school.

- Make a number matching game using 20 index cards. On 10 of the cards write the numerals 1 through 10. On the other 10 cards draw a set of objects for each number (or use stamps or stickers) such as 1 apple, 2 stars etc. Lay the cards face down. Take turns flipping over 2 cards, trying to find a matching pair - the numeral 2 and the picture of 2 stars.
- Show your child 3 objects and count them out loud together. Put the objects in your pocket, a box or a bag. Put 2 more objects in and ask "How many are in my pocket now?" Repeat with other numbers and then try taking objects out of the pocket, box or bag - start with 5, take 2 away and ask 'How many will there be now?'"
- Have your child think about how much cereal (or other basic food) your family eats each week. Is there a way to keep track of the amount? Help your child plan a way to collect this data during the week. You could keep track by making tally marks, drawing pictures of bowls and so on. Make a graph to show the results for each week.
- Help your child measure the length of a room with his/her feet by measuring "heel to toe". Then measure the length of the room in the same way with your own feet. Compare the measurements and discuss why there are different.
- Look for shapes around the house, supermarket, playground or while moving around the city. Talk about what shapes seem to appear most often. Do the same with numbers.
- Use cookie cutters or plastic knives and play dough to make sets of a certain number of things. For example, if your number is 5 your child can make 5 circles, 5 squares, 5 leaves and so on. Arrange the shapes in a pattern. Try to guess each other's pattern and continue the pattern with more shapes.

