

Math is Fun!

Whew! Your child has had lots of fun exploring a lot of math topics in Chapters 1 through 12. Chapter 13 reviews the topics learned earlier and gives your child more opportunities to apply what he or she has learned.

What can we do at home?

- Review textures. If you can, let your child help you sand a piece of wood to really experience a rough texture. If you sew, let your child help so he or she can feel and compare various fabrics.
- Expose your child to all types of music. Point out the beats in the music and have your child clap to the beat. Allow your child to dance to different types of music and to tell how the music makes him or her feel.
- Encourage your child to compare things by various attributes and to use comparison language.
- Count everything! The ability to count with one-to-one correspondence and to know that the last number said when counting a set of objects is the number of objects in the set is crucial.
- Point out patterns wherever you see them. Have your child tell you what would come next in a repeating pattern. Engage your child in art activities where he or she creates patterns.
- Play dice games and board games where counting is important.
- Point out shapes and solids and have your child do the same. Give your child ample opportunity and encouragement to build things.
- Introduce your child to adults, other than yourselves, who use math in their careers. Make sure your child understands how important math is.
- Take your child to a science museum or a planetarium and make sure that they understand that without math, a lot of what they see in those places would not yet be discovered.
- **Have fun!!!**