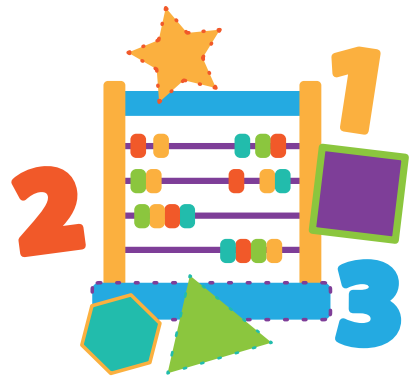




Family Talk: Early Math

Early Math is more than just 1, 2, 3. Early Math talk can happen anywhere!

- Ask your child to describe objects by size, color, shape, or weight.
- Use words that also describe where an object is: under, next to, between, over.



Infant

Help build skills in pattern recognition by singing songs with repeating words or actions. Point out and name common shapes in your home.

- "The box of crackers is a rectangle."
- "Our mirror is an oval."

Toddler

Help build skills in pattern recognition by singing songs with repeating words or actions. Sort and group objects together.

- "Let's put all the red cars in a pile."
- "Stack all the square blocks together."
- "Can you find all the blue crayons?"

Preschool

Count everything around you! Fingers, toes, books, blocks, toys, pets, people in your family. Count cars when out driving, apples at the supermarket, socks as you fold laundry, or bites of dinner. Focus on numbers 1-5, then add on as your child's skills improve.

Help your child recognize differences in shape, form, pattern, size, and position.

- "I'm stacking a blue block on top of a white block, then a white block on top of the blue block. See the pattern it makes? Blue, white, blue, white."