



## Help Your Children Enjoy Math

Here are some ideas, all of which are meant to be fun, to give children confidence in a wide range of math work. Many are ideas you will be able to develop and extend as a family.

### Card Games

- Simple snap games teach matching
- Concentration helps with number recognition and matching
- "Go Fish" helps with number recognition
- Other simple card games played as a family will aid in development of beginning number concepts

### Cooking

- Weigh and/or measure ingredients, estimate and check
- Compare and measure sizes
- Estimate capacity - Will all this get in here? Which pot will we need?

### Measuring

- Record height regularly. Colored tape on the fridge is simple and effective
- Weigh yourself and your child. How heavy are you?

### Shopping

- Handling money - encourage your child to make small purchases with pocket money. Which coins will you need? How much change?
- In the supermarket notice prices - which is the cheapest brand? Extend to - is it cheaper to buy bigger?

### T.V.

- Telling time - check the clock for favorite programs. How long is the program? How much time is spent on commercials?
- Count the ads - this is an opportunity for tallying and/or charts
  - Which show has the most commercials?
  - How many times do you see your favorite commercial?
  - Which commercial comes up most in a day or week?

### Travelling

- Look for shapes in buildings and stores
- On long journeys, each choose an animal, store or car type and see who can spot the most of his/her choice
- Count down exit numbers on highways
- Note distances to travel on highway signs, and estimate time taken to cover the distances

### License Plates

- Keep "I Spy" lists for patterns (i.e. 111, 222, 333 or 123, 234, 456 or 121, 232, 343, etc.)