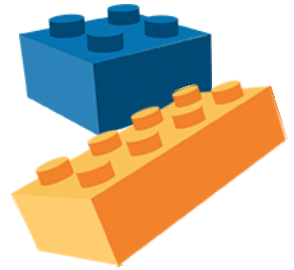


Math Moment...

Be a Math Role Model

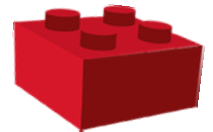
You are an important part to your child's success in math. It's true! Your encouragement, interest, and positive attitudes about math can go a long way to helping your child.



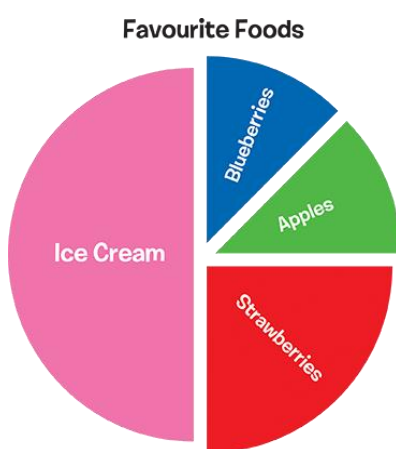
What can I do to support my child's math learning?

Encourage your child. Help your child to not get discouraged when learning a concept or skill proves harder than was hoped. Remind your child that success comes from hard work and perseverance, and that making mistakes is part of learning and growing. Be genuinely curious about what your child is thinking and learning.

Be positive about math! Avoid saying "I was never good at math" or "I never liked math." Show that you think math is important and interesting. Use numbers when you discuss daily activities, sports, and so on. Look for opportunities for math to be a natural part of your conversations.



Ensure your child keeps up with his/her math homework. Make sure that your child catches up if any days at school were missed, because math concepts build on one another.



Be available to talk with your child about his/her math work, but don't do your child's work for him/her. Give your child time to figure out the answers on their own. When your child needs support, ask questions instead of showing your child directly how to do it. Allow your child to share the method used in class. If you aren't familiar with the method, ask your child to explain it to you. This will help your child to understand it better as well.

If you and your child are more comfortable in a language other than English, use it. Your child will understand concepts better in the language that he/she knows best.

Help your child make connections to math in everyday activities.

Make available the tools your child needs to do math. For example, ruler, graph paper, protractor, etc.

Ask your child's teacher to suggest ways you can help your child with math.

Resources

Booklet: Doing Mathematics with Your Child, Kindergarten to Grade 6: A Parent Guide

(<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentGuideNumEn.pdf>)

Booklet: Partnering With Your Teen in Mathematics, Grade 7 to 12

(<http://www.edugains.ca/resourcesMath/CE/HomeSupport/PartneringWithYourTeen.pdf>)

Website: Homework Help (<https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org/secure/login.php>)

Video: Real Life Math, by Melissa Grillo (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HtqllVN9bh8>)

Video: Sesame Street: Tyler Perry & Elmo Eat a Plate of Math (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9jKFqnd1sE>)

As a parent, there is a lot you can do to help your child learn and love math. Learn about the math that your child is studying in school. Look for math in everyday activities. Offer encouragement and have a positive attitude toward math. Parents can be a great role model, math mentor and coach.