

Washington Drive Primary School

Summer Math Activities

You can continue to support and develop your child's understanding of mathematics through simple summertime activities. Here are some ideas that may help to better prepare your child for first grade:

1. Sort laundry together. Count socks. Match & pair them up and try counting them by 2's.
2. Collect seashells & rocks at the beach. Sort and then resort them into different groups. Create patterns with them.
3. Give your child a calendar. Help her/him mark down the dates of special summer activities. Check the calendar daily to determine the date and to see what activities are planned.
4. Count in the car. How high can you count?
5. Go on a shape hunt. How many triangles can you find? How many rectangles?
6. Ask your child to count how many items you put in the grocery cart.
7. Plant a sunflower and measure its height weekly.
8. Hunt for page numbers in books & magazines. Read the numbers. What is the largest number you can find? The smallest? Open to any page & predict the next page number.
9. Sort the coins in your pocket or purse together. Name them. How are they alike? How are they different?
10. Discuss how to organize clothes in a dresser or wardrobe. Have your child help you keep them organized this summer.
11. See if your child knows...
 - when their birthday is.*
 - their phone number.*
 - how many fingers they have.*
 - how many toes they have.*
 - the days of the week in order.*
 - the months of the year in order.*
 - how to count to 100.*
 - the names and the values of the coins (penny, nickel, dime & quarter).*

Here are some websites to visit on rainy days:

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Early-Years.html>

Try the "Simple Scales," "Number Order" and "String of Beads."

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks1numeracy.html>

Try the "Washline 1" and "Tangrams."

<http://funschool.kaboose.com/arcade/math/index.html?page=2>

Try "Farm Addition" and "Fishing for Numbers." There are also many other math games on this site.