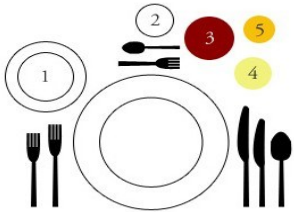


Finding Math in Everyday Routines



Setting the Table

- ◇ "Each person gets 1 fork."
- ◇ Give the big cup to Daddy."
- ◇ "Place the fork, then the plate, then the spoon."

At The Playground

- ◇ Encourage your child to climb on the play equipment, crawl through a tunnel or jump off a step.
- ◇ "Let's count the swings!"
- ◇ Point out shapes, "The playground has a round window and square blocks."
- ◇ Look for patterns in the leaves or flowers.
- ◇ Collect and sort items like sticks or leaves.

Getting Dressed

- ◇ "Let's count the buttons."
- ◇ "One sock, two socks."
- ◇ "Look at the pattern on your shirt. Red, blue, red, blue."
- ◇ "Do you want to wear your long pants or short pants?"

Eating a Meal

- ◇ "You have four carrots, how many do you have if you eat one?"
- ◇ "You have more apple slices than me."
- ◇ "What is the shape of that cracker?"



Shopping

- ◇ Count items like apples or oranges.
- ◇ Look for numbers like prices and aisles.
- ◇ Talk about sizes of items like cereal boxes or milk.
- ◇ Look for shapes as you go and make it a game, "Can you find a square item?"

Picking up Toys

- ◇ "Put the cars in the box."
- ◇ "Put 3 trucks on the shelf."
- ◇ "Put away all the square blocks."