**Practicing Math Skills at Home**

Laundry Math

* Sort laundry into different piles
* Skip count pairs of socks by 2s
* Make a pile for each family member. Determine who has the greatest/least
* Identify *how many more* items one person has than another
* Fold clothing and identify lines of symmetry
* Check the time when the washer/dryer starts and ends. Ask how much time elapsed

Kitchen Math

* Have your child help you bake or prepare a recipe by measuring ingredients
* Have them convert measurements (how many ounces are in one cup)
* Ask them to double the recipe or cut the recipe in half
* Use different measuring tools- how many ¼ cups will I need to fill if the recipe calls for 2 cups?
* Look at serving size- ask your child to determine how many would be in 2 servings, etc.
* Cut brownies or other goods into even pieces -specify how many pieces you would like in all, and have them determine the correct way to divide the total
* Have your child determine how many pieces everyone in the family can have (if there are 4 people in our family and we have 16 grapes, how many should we give to each person)?

Shopping Math

* Calculate the cost of school lunch for a week/month
* Determine how long they will need to save their allowance to buy something special
* Balance a checkbook
* Count change from your pockets or your wallet
* Add up totals from receipts to determine how much was spent on a shopping trip
* Estimate the total cost of groceries as you are shopping
* Determine the total cost of lunch by adding the price of everyone’s meal

Car Math

* Use speed to determine the number of miles driven in \_\_ hours
* Determine how long it will take to drive home going \_\_ mph
* Determine how many gallons of gas you can buy with a certain amount of money

General Math

* Use flash cards for basic skills
* Have your child count by \_ while bouncing a ball or jumping in place (or any form of movement)
* Play math games as a family- Monopoly, Sorry, Rush Hour, Bingo, card games
* Use timers/set time limits together using a clock
* Visit math websites or download math apps

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Storytelling

* Look through old picture albums and create stories for each one
* When you are riding in a car, make up stories about interesting buildings or locations that you pass.
* Begin to tell a story to your child (or have them begin). Leave off the ending and have the other person create their own.
* Look at pictures or objects. Have your child create story to accompany the visual.
* Set a theme and have everyone in the family go around and tell a story relating to the theme.
* Write a play with different characters and then put on a performance.

Writing

* Have your child write letters to relatives or friends and put them in the mail.
* Leave notes in your child’s lunch or around the house. Encourage them to leave notes for you.
* Have your child create a dinner menu for the family.
* Keep magnet letters on the refrigerator and create words/phrases on a daily basis.
* Have your child help you write shopping lists/to-do lists.
* Have your child write instructions for \_\_ (taking care of a pet, making the bed, doing laundry).
* Look at comics in the newspaper. Allow your child to create their own comic.
* Provide them with a diary or journal and encourage them to write about their day/feelings.
* Read different signs around the neighborhood. Have your child create signs for your own home.

Games/Activities

* Play word games as a family- Scrabble jr., Boggle, Hangman, Word Concentration.
* Subscribe to a children’s magazine that your child is interested in.
* Go on scavenger hunts- have your child look for things that.. (begin with the letter \_\_, rhyme with \_\_, are associated with \_\_).
* Take trips to the local library.
* Play word games on the computer.

READ, READ, READ!!!

* + Read aloud to your child everyday!
	+ Have your child read to you.
	+ Show your child that you read for pleasure.
	+ Have your child read to a sibling or a stuffed animal.
	+ Ask your child questions about books they are reading.
	+ Read *many* different types of writing (picture books, chapter books, magazines, comics, newspapers, letters, etc.). 