

# Developing Math Skills

3-6 YEARS

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Below are some tips that you can do to help your child learn early math skills, by building on their curiosity and still having fun.

**Count and Sort.** Put together a small basket of toys, and count them as you put them in the basket. You can sort them by color, size, or shape to add a layer.

**Play With Your Phone.** Your child is probably already attracted to your phone, so use this opportunity to show her the numbers and explain to her that everyone has a phone number they can be reached at.

**Cook Together.** When you're baking together, your child gets exposed to the idea of measurements, as well as counting.

**Learn the Days.** Get a calendar and highlight important dates, and count how many days until things like her birthday or her playdate.

**Set The Table.** Get your child to help you set the table, counting how many forks, plates, napkins and spoons are needed at mealtime.

**Play With Laundry.** Get your child to sort shirts, socks, and pants into piles, and ask her which pile is bigger. You can also get her to match and pair socks.

## Reference:

<https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/299-help-your-child-develop-early-math-skills>

