



Family Literacy Week
January 22 – 29, 2023

Make it Count! Play • Sort • Measure

Primary

Math Games

Math games are a great way for children to practice math skills both indoors and outdoors. Play activities can help children reinforce and develop math skills in a fun and engaging way.

Hopscotch

Hopscotch is a fun outdoor activity for children to learn about counting and be active at the same time.

- Make a hopscotch court. Use chalk on pavement or masking tape on indoor floors.
- Throw a small rock, bean bag or other marker into the square numbered 1.
- Hop on one foot over square 1 to square 2.
- Keep jumping on one foot on single squares. Use both feet when you reach squares 4-5 and 7-8.
- Hop on both feet on 10. Turn around and hop back to the start.
- When you reach square 1, pick the marker up and jump over the empty square.
- Play again. Throw your marker to the next number for each turn.
- Lose your turn if you jump outside of the lines, fall, miss a square or jump into the square with the marker. Repeat the same number on your next turn.
- The person who reaches 10 first is the winner.

Variations

- Hop on your left foot on odd numbers and your right foot on even numbers.
- Jump to three numbers that add up to 13. For example, jump on 2, 5 and 6. Change the sum and the number used. Repeat. Try with subtraction, multiplication and division.



“There should be no such thing as boring mathematics.”

– Edsger Dijkstra

Other ways to have fun with math:

- Post a list of math words and phrases on the fridge as a reminder for math talk opportunities, such as add, take away, how many/much, more/less than, a quarter to/past, etc.
- Use a whiteboard pen to write a problem on the bathroom mirror for children to solve. Ask them to write equations for you!