

Strategies to Support Your Child in Math

- Ask questions
- Involve your child in math-related activities (e.g., cooking, shopping)
- Relate math to other real-life experiences
- Instead of giving answers, ask good questions
- Have your child explain what he or she is doing in math
- Develop a conversation with your child around math
- Be open to a variety of strategies to solve problems
- Ask for help from your child's teacher
- Find out if your child's school offers peer tutoring and urge him or her to attend, if needed
- Find out if your child's school offers summer school and urge him or her to attend, if needed
- Encourage your child to find a homework buddy
- Find a parent "buddy" to talk to
- Attend PTA/school meetings about math
- Face your "math phobia" and try not to pass it on to your child
- Play board games with your child
- Suggest math-related children's literature for your child to read
- Try to provide a quiet, well-lit place for your child to study, away from TV, video games, telephone
- Be aware of telephone and online resources that can help your child with math questions, even from home
- If your child brings home the math textbook, check to see that he or she is using it to study from
- Ask to see the notes that your child took in class each day
- Family finances permitting, providing a graphing calculator for your child can be a good investment in his or her math and science education, especially in the upper grades of high school