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Related Activities to Try at Home

Dear Family,

The activities suggested below are related to the mathematics we are currently working on in school. Doing them with your child can enrich your child's mathematical learning.

Tens Go Fish The object of the game is to find pairs of number cards that equal 10. Deal 5 Primary Number Cards to each player. Leave the rest in a pile. Any player who can make 10 with 2 of those cards puts them aside and draws 2 more. Then take turns asking each other for a card. For example, if you have a 3, you might ask your child, "Do you have a 7?" If you get a 7, make a pair and put them down. Then draw a card from the deck. If your child does not give you a 7, "go fish" and draw the top card from the deck. Your turn ends when you cannot make a 10. (We will also be playing this game in school so your child may be able to teach you.)

How Many Am I Hiding? Lay out 10 small objects and ask your child to count them. Then, while your child covers his or her eyes, hide some of the objects. Show your child the objects that are not hidden and ask, "How many am I hiding?" Encourage your child to explain her or his thinking. After playing a few rounds, you can change the total number (from 6 to 12 total) and start again.



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Telling and Solving Story Problems Look for addition and subtraction situations at home. For example, say, “If we have 4 apples, 8 bananas, and 7 plums in the fruit bowl, how many pieces of fruit do we have?” or “If you have 20 pennies and you spend 15 pennies, how many do you have left?” “We have 8 people coming for dinner. We have only 6 chairs. How many more do we need?” Encourage your child to make up story problems for you too!

Math and Literature Most of the following books should be available at your local library. You can read them together, count the objects on each page, or use the illustrations to pose simple addition or subtraction problems: “There are 7 birds on this page. How many would there be if 4 more birds came along?”



Bateman, Donna. *Deep in the Swamp*.
Berkes, Marianne. *Over in the Ocean: In a Coral Reef*.
Duke, Kate. *Twenty is Too Many*.
Mannis, Celeste. *One Leaf Rides the Wind*.
Tang, Greg. *Math Appeal*.
Walton, Rick. *One More Bunny: Adding From One to Ten*.
Wise, William. *Ten Sly Piranhas*.