An early learning collaboration by:

To prepare your child for success in kindergarten, you can make anytime math time! Children can build early math skills during everyday moments that are both fun and useful. Try out one of the ideas below to get started!

Math Time, Anytime!

- **Use descriptive math words** to help your child get dressed. For example, "I put your pants on top of your bed" or "I put your socks next to the lamp."
- **Go on a shape hunt!** Look at signs, buildings, and clouds to find different shapes.
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- **Count** bath toys or bubbles or use cups to measure different amounts of water in the tub.
- **Mark your child’s height** against a wall every few months and point out the change in height each time.

This activity is inspired by Sesame Street in Communities’ activity, "Making Math Time Anytime!"

Family Activity

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Family Reading Tip: Reading Skills

Even if your child can’t yet sound out words while reading, teaching them to identify the right way to hold a book, what direction to turn the pages, and how to identify the title and author are helpful “pre-reading” skills to learn early on. Teaching them about these print features is a great way to help prepare them for kindergarten and spark a love of reading!

**Books for transition to kindergarten:**

- **The King of Kindergarten** by Derrick D. Barnes
- **Chu’s First Day of School** by Neil Gaiman
- **Mom, It’s My First Day of Kindergarten** by Hyewon Yum
- **Un beso en mi mano** by Audrey Penn
- **K is for Kindergarten** by Erin Dealey
- **Kindergarten Diary** by Antoinette Portis
- **Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come!** by Nancy L. Carlson
- **It’s not a School Bus, It’s a Pirate Ship** by Mickey Rapkin

All books are available at your local libraries or click on each book cover for read-aloud links!