

Early Childhood Curriculum Ideas

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Mathematics is Everywhere

Maths is more than counting. Maths includes counting, colour, shape, size, weight, sorting, comparing, ordering, matching, classifying, patterning and problem solving.

You can teach your child maths concepts by:

- Count and use numbers in everyday activities.
- Sing rhymes to your children-fingers and toes are great for counting.
- Language – use words like under, over, big, little, long and short.
- Expose your child to numbers i.e. letter boxes, signs, no plates, calendars, newspaper and junk mail.
- Read stories like "The Three Little Pigs" and "Goldilocks and the Three Bears".
- Children learn through **repetition** – offer experiences over and over again.
- Make every day **chores** around the house into **FUN learning** i.e. setting the table, cooking/baking, sorting out washing (pairs of socks).
- Use your natural environment to develop maths concepts; i.e. sorting shells, leaves etc (Sequencing), look at patterns.



Remember: Learning at preschool level, often happens through PLAY. VALUE your Child's effort.

Further information is available at the [Team Up](http://www.teamup.co.nz) website.