



## Related Activities to Try at Home (page 1 of 2)

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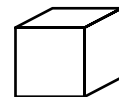
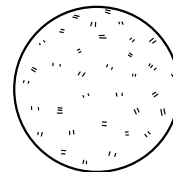
The activities suggested below are related to the mathematics we are currently studying in school. Doing them together can enrich your child's mathematical learning.

**Calendar** Explore the calendar as a tool for keeping track of time and events by showing your child how you use it. When you write in an appointment or a family event, or when you use it to find how many more days until a special event, talk with your child about what you're doing.

**Describing** Encourage your child to describe the physical features of objects and to think about how objects are alike or different.

For example:

- How would you describe this ball?  
(e.g., red, round, big)
- How is the ball the same as this box?  
(They are both red.)
- How are they different?



(The ball is round, but the box is square, or the box is small.)

Also, encourage your child to use words to describe where a picture or object is in relation to another. (e.g., next to, near, under, over, below, above)

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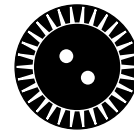
## Related Activities to Try at Home (page 2 of 2)

**Counting** Take advantage of any opportunities to count with your child. Children learn to count accurately by having many opportunities to see and hear other people count and to count on their own.

You can model this by:

- Counting out napkins or plates for the table;
- Counting the number of stairs as you go up or down;
- Counting the number of a particular object (e.g., dogs, signs, or cars) as you walk down the street;
- Counting the number of items in a collection of plastic animals, cars, or other small toys.

**Sorting** If you have a button (or other) collection, you and your child could talk about different ways to sort the buttons. Your child might like to teach you *Button Match-Up*. In this game, one player chooses a button, and then both players work together to find buttons that have one thing that is the same. For example, any button with two holes matches this button, as does any button that is black, small, or plastic.



**Math and Literature** You can find the following books in your local library and read them together.

Reid, Margarette S. *The Button Box*

Lionni, Leo. *A Busy Year*

Roth, Susan L. *My Love for You All Year Round*

Hoban, Tana. *Count and See*

Walsh, Ellen Stoll. *Mouse Count*

Wormell, Christopher. *Teeth, Tails & Tentacles: An Animal*

*Counting Book*

