

Math Empowers For Parents

What's in my pocket?

Materials: coins

Directions: Take a few coins from your pocket or purse and add them up. Tell your child how many coins you are holding, as well as their value. Invite your child to guess the coins. Once your child has an answer, ask, "What makes you think I have those coins?" Talk about the answer. Give your child hints if need be. Then, together do the arithmetic to check. Switch roles and let your child ask, "What's in my pocket?"



Numerical Tile Game

\$24.95

BUY

2015 Top Picks For Math Toys

Möbi is a fun, fast-paced number tile game. The goal is to make simple math equations as quickly as possible—a great way for kids or grown-ups to apply math skills. Plus, it comes in an adorable blue whale. Pick yours up today at <https://www.thegrommet.com/mobi>.

GEOMETRY IN PLAY

IKOS takes kids' building toys to a whole new creative level. Unlike old building blocks, IKOS is made of interlocking shapes that come together to form a sphere. Your children aren't limited by straight lines; the fun comes from making endless shapes, starting with a sphere and anything else they can dream up. Then they can take the pieces apart and figure out new ways to reconfigure them. Order yours at <https://www.thegrommet.com/gifts/kids/ikos>.



3-D Building Puzzle Toy

\$19.95

BUY

To 100 and Beyond!

Are you looking for creative ways to help your child study math? Even without a workbook or teacher's manual, your child can learn a lot about numbers. Just spend an afternoon playing around with a hundred chart, also called a hundred board or hundred grid. The link below will lead you to "30+ Things to Do With A Hundred Chart."

<http://denisegaskins.com/2008/09/22/things-to-do-hundred-chart/>

More Practice with the 100's Chart...

Check out "Give a Dog a Bone" to help your child locate numbers on a 100's chart and help them locate, learn, and understand the patterns. Play the game here: <http://www.oswego.org/ocsd-web/games/DogBone/gamebone.html>



Figure This!
Math Challenges for Families

National Council of Teachers for Mathematics (NCTM) has created math challenges for families. These are great resources to start a math discussion! You can find them here:

http://figurethis.nctm.org/challenges/challenge_index.htm