

Dear Parents,

During the past year your child learned a wide range of mathematics including numbers and counting, patterns and geometry. This past year's math curriculum has provided the necessary tools for her to meet any upcoming math learning. So while your child does not have formal homework over the summer, engaging your child in fun, yet effective math activities will help her retain the skills learned during the school year.

**Family Activities:**

- Board games are a wonderful way for your child to learn turn-taking, game strategies, money, counting and perseverance. These are widely overlooked but critical to developing a strong mathematician.
  - Good games: Tic-Tac-Toe, Blokus, Monopoly, Parcheesi, Sorry, Mancala, Chess, Go Fish, Old Maid
- Card games (compare – more or less)
- Involve your child in your shopping experiences. Ask them to count the items in your cart, or get a certain number of items.
- Have your child set the table, counting utensils, napkins, etc.
- Have your child prepare for a trip, counting out snacks, counting how long it takes to get their shoes on, etc.
- In the car, play games such as, "I'm thinking of a number between...."
- Measure, cook and bake with your child!
- Continue to build...blocks, Legos, Magna-tiles and sandcastles!

**Parents: You have homework too!**

Recommended Books and Resources:

- Jo Boaler's Parent Resources: [Jo Boaler's Youcubed.org](http://JoBoaler'sYoucubed.org) from Stanford University
- [The Opposite of Spoiled](#) by Ron Leiber