



## MATH IN THE KITCHEN!

There are many math learning opportunities for your child right in the kitchen!

### Try these:

**Counting Cans:** Ask your child to count the cans in the pantry. Then practice simple addition and subtraction by asking, "How many do we have? How many do we have if I take one away? How many do we have if I add one more? How many all together?"

**Squares and Rectangles:** Arrange square crackers into a rectangle, 4 crackers long and 3 crackers wide. Next make a square, 3 crackers wide and 3 crackers long. Have your child copy the shapes with the correct number of crackers.

**Setting the Table:** Invite the child to tell you how many people will be eating at this meal. Let the child count the forks and spoons and put them on the table. Ask your child to show you one, two, three, four until you have enough for everyone who will be at the table.

**Ice Cube Fun:** Use an ice cube tray to make some fun ice cubes. Let your child put one small fruit into each hole. Use grapes, cherries and raisins. Describe what is happening. "You put one grape into each hole. Let's count them." 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and so on! Next let your child pour water into each hole and see how it fills up each hole. Put the tray in the freezer and use the fruit cubes in water or lemonade for a special treat!

**MATH CAN HAPPEN ANYWHERE.**

**Find shapes! Count everything! Make patterns!**

