

Tips for parents

Setting the foundation for student achievement

Helping them improve



MATH

- Common toys and games can help children become familiar with numbers. Try clocks, play money, Bingo, Monopoly, dominoes and cards.
- Let children measure the ingredients for your cooking.
- Let children manage their allowances. Encourage them to keep written records of their savings and spending.
- Encourage older children to visit the local bank to set up a savings account.

SCIENCE

- Encourage any interest in collecting rocks, leaves, shells, flowers or other natural objects. Provide a place to display these collections.
- Encourage children to start a vegetable or flower garden.
- Foster an interest in scientific observation with binoculars, an aquarium, a microscope, telescope or magnifying glass.
- Science-related outings could include nature preserves; vacations to the mountains, seashores or forests; zoos; aquariums; and tours of laboratories or manufacturing plants. Check the Missouri Department of Conservation mdc.mo.gov for some inexpensive ideas for family learning.



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