

# Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board Math Moment...

While there are probably endless images and activities that come to mind when you think of summer, doing Math is probably not one of them. However, the truth is, for many students, summer is a time when much of the important Math concepts, strategies and skills they worked so hard to learn throughout the year are lost. So, to support at home, provide opportunities for your child to talk and share their Math learning. Here are a few simple summer Math activities that invite discussion and engagement in Math.

#### Take Math outside:

- Find and create patterns with nature
- Measure and chart the elements (daily temperature, rainfall)
- Create scavenger hunts
- Have some water balloon fun
- Create a <u>marshmallow popper</u> and measure distance travelled
- Create sidewalk chalk number line races

#### Relax with a Math Puzzle:

Sudoku (or Kidoku) Puzzles, Magic Squares, Logic Puzzles, Set Puzzles, Algebra Puzzles, and Brainteasers

#### **Bring in the Lego:**

- Build a rocket powered Lego car
- Practice place value
- Visualize multiplication and fractions





#### Play board and card games on rainy days:

Many require matching, counting and/or operations; add the element of play money too (e.g. Monopoly®, Life®)

## **Read Math story books:**

- Practice math concepts using "Sir Cumference" books by Cindy Neuschwander
- Practice problem solving using the books by Greg Tang
  - See a list of Math books here and here

#### Math around the house:

- Bake and cook together (e.g. practice with fractions, doubling and halving)
- Help with planting and gardening (e.g. area needed for certain plants, volume of soil, measure the growth of plants)
- When grocery shopping, estimate the cost and find the best deals
- Create and run a lemonade stand to raise money for a charity
- Keep a running record of statistics for your favourite sports team
- Create **STEAM** projects

### Math on road trips:

Read maps, plan out routes, and read directions and road signs

## Go Digital:

- Visit http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca/en/parents/MathSupport.asp for online resources and supports
- Example of website for home: MathBeforeBed.com, WODB.ca, Mathies.ca, TableTalkMath.com, TVO

Reviewing important math skills does not have to be boring, time-consuming or expensive. Use items you already have on hand, grab some books at the library or make up fun games to play outside to encourage children to keep thinking and problem solving all summer long.

