

Last year, our Learning on the Go Tips focused on six essential pre-reading skills. In the middle of the series, the National Early Literacy Panel released a report identifying some new pre-reading skills—so stay tuned for Tips about these new skills sometime next year!

This year we will start out with a series of Tips related to early math skills. Recent research has shown that early math abilities are linked to later success in school, even more so than early reading ability. Pasted below (and also attached) is the first Tip focusing on fun ways to include math concepts into daily activities with children.

I can almost hear somebody saying “I don’t do math!” We Americans tend to have “math phobia”—and we can pass that on to our children. But math is really all around children in the early years, and everyday activities can help them master some basic math concepts and give them confidence when they start school.

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