

Top Ten Ways to Build a Strong Math Mind!

Here are some ways to practice and build simple math number sense from our Common Core math standards. These can be done anywhere at anytime! Just a few helpful hints for what can help our growing First Graders.

1. Fact Families: $5+2=7$, $2+5=7$, $7-5=2$, $7-2=5$
2. Skip Counting by 1's, 2's, 5's, 10's starting from ANY number.
3. Practice addition and subtraction facts to 20.
4. 1 more and 1 less from any given number. Example: 1 more than 45 is 46 and 1 less than 45 is 44.
5. 10 more and 10 less from any given number. Example: 10 more than 34 is 44 and 10 less than 34 is 24.
6. Count backwards from 120 or any given number.
7. Use a number line to add and subtract.
8. Word Problems- Example: "If I have 10 items, 3 of them are toys and the rest are books. How many books do I have?"
9. What is my number? Pick a number and give clues to have your child guess the number. Example: It has 2 tens and 4 ones and it is greater than 40?
10. Place Value- Example: What number has 4 tens and 8 ones?