Supporting your child in Prep to Year 2

Here are some simple yet effective activities you can do with your child to help them apply the numeracy skills they learn at school.

Talk about time — ask your child to check the time on the clock when they go to school, eat meals, watch their favourite television program and go to bed.

Count everything — toys, the number of pegs needed to hang clothes on the line and the number of buttons on your clothes.

Play number games using magazines, books, newspapers and number plates. Discuss the prices of items in shopping catalogues and junk mail.

I SPY...

Play ‘I spy’ and look for different shapes and colours — ‘I spy something that is round’ or ‘I spy something that is rectangular’.

Estimate, measure and compare lengths and heights, how heavy or light objects are and how much containers hold — for example, how many cups do you think it will take to fill the bucket with sand?

Record your child’s growth on a height chart.

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Count the money in your child’s moneybox each week — take it to the bank and help them deposit the money.

Make a home supermarket using empty grocery items and packets — attach price tags, then play a shopping game where your child can purchase items and calculate the change they will receive.

Use public transport to read timetables, look at routes on a map or figure out the number of stops the bus or train would need to make before you get to your destination.

Take your child on a ‘number and shape hunt’ in your home or community — point out how numbers and shapes are used on everyday household items such as the telephone or your house number in the street.

For more information about how you can help your child with numeracy visit www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map or contact your child’s teacher or school.