



Supplies for Success

Your preK-2 Math Toolkit

Use the following check-list to make sure your child has all the tools needed for success in math.

- Pencils - at least two!
- Pencil sharpener - just in case.
- Eraser - because it's okay to make mistakes when we're learning!
- Scratch paper - also called thinking paper!
- Counters - about 30 of anything small...beans, buttons, beads...
- Counting strip - great for one-to-one correspondence.
- Centimeter/inch ruler - for measuring length.
- Number line - helpful for beginning addition/subtraction.
- Coins - real coins are more fun to work with!
- Tape measure - for when things are longer than 12 inches.
- Calculator: a fun way to check your work.
- Shoe box or large ziplock bag - a place to keep everything organized.



Counting Strip: Cut apart so that you end up with two strips, I-10 and II-20. Tape ends together so that you end up with one I-20 strip. Use the strip to count and add/subtract using small objects such as beans.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20

Number Line: Use this number line to help with beginning addition and subtraction problems. The number line is more abstract than the counting strip.

