

T/E K-4 Mathematics Newsletter



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Summer Math

Keep your child's math skills sharp this summer by integrating fun, meaningful activities into vacations and daily routines. The following examples may be adapted to suit your child's grade or skill level.

Road Trip / Pit stop Math – Print out a 100's chart.

<http://www.superteacherworksheets.com/hundredschart/hundreds-chart-filled WNRTB.pdf> Look for signs along the road that contain numbers and cross them off on the chart. Look for word form numbers such as "Buy one, get one free" in restaurants or "pit stops" and cross off the numbers. Children will realize that numbers are everywhere.

Are we there yet? – Using a journal to record location and departure / arrival times, children calculate elapsed time between destinations. Maps are useful for calculating distance using a scale.

Beach Ball Math – Use a permanent marker and divide a beach ball into large sections, writing a numeral in each section. Toss the ball to a player, naming the number at the player's thumb. Toss back to the partner, and name the number under the thumb. Add, subtract, multiply, or divide the numbers.



Bean Bag Math – Use sidewalk chalk to draw a large 5 x 5 grid. Across the top and left side, label numbers 1 – 5. Toss a beanbag onto the grid and find the product of the 2 factors. For example, if the bag lands at the intersection of 3 and 4, the player must multiply 3×4 and call out 12, writing 12 in the box. Make easier by using addition facts. Make more difficult by creating a 10x10 grid.



	1	2	3	4	5
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

Suggested Websites

On your elementary school's homepage, click "For Students," then "summer math" to access a variety of K-4 math activities.

<http://mathpage.com/JIMSNumbercounting.html>

<http://edtechideas.com/2012/06/01/49-cool-summer-sites-for-kids-and-teachers/>