

5th Grade

Supporting Math at Home

- Have at least one analog clock (one with hands) in your house and have your child use it to tell how long until bed, breakfast, etc.
- Children can count how much money is in a piggy bank or your pocket. Then have them tell you how much more they need in order to buy a toy they want, etc.
- Have them practice their multiplication and division basic facts (remember 20 facts in a minute is a good rate of speed)
- Have your child figure out your gas mileage (miles traveled divided by gallons put in – have them round gallons to the nearest whole number before dividing) You can even discuss what to do with the remainder
- Encourage your child to help estimate the cost of groceries as you shop. See if they can keep a running estimate in their head.
- Whenever you need to add or subtract fractions, give the problem to your child!
- Include your child when you use math in your everyday life (cooking, how many minutes before we need to leave?, etc.)
- Ask your child questions about his/her thinking.
 - How did you get your answer?
 - Do you need to label your answer?
 - Why did you...
 - Can you solve it another way?
 - Is your answer close to your estimate?
 - Did you answer the question being asked?
 - Did you check your work?
- Let them know how important math is in your life