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Easy Ways To Teach Your Child About Colors

By Nicole Dean

The world is a kaleidoscope of color, and teaching your child about colors is fundamental to their learning process, right? To assist you, here are some tips to help your child recognize and identify colors.

- When dressing your child; say the color of the outfit.
- Take out some fruit and place it on the kitchen table. Sit the child on your lap and point to each fruit; naming the color.
- When you go for a walk with your child, point out the different color flowers.
- Using the wide variety of child's books that are available; specifically picture books that are very colorful, point out the colors.
- Purchase a large box of crayons, and using white paper to scribble on, repeat the name of each color crayon you use.
- Purchase a package of multicolored construction paper.

Babies love anything that's colorful. Whether its balloons, toys, stuffed animals, dolls or blocks – they seem to hone in on bright colors such as red, blue and yellow. With Easter soon approaching, it is the perfect time to introduce them to a myriad of colors via Easter eggs. Another approach is to take them to a park where all of the swings and see-saws are brightly colored. Or a stroll in your garden is another perfect to show them bright colors as well.

As your child points to an object, verbalize the color and what the object is as well. Keep repeating the color over and over as you point to it. If your child calls an object another color than what it is, just verbalize the correct color and eventually he or she will make the connection. Also, you can show your child different stuffed animals in a toy store which have brightly colored attire.

While these tips to help your child recognize colors are just the starting point, you can also use other tools which are also available in the learning process. Baby food is another way in which you can

present colors to your child. If you take your child to the zoo; there are so many colors you can share with your child. Take out your tin of buttons. These are a wonderful tool to demonstrate different colors to your child. Also, if you use scrunchies, show them to your child as well. Making the association between the color and the object is an important component in the child's learning process. It's important to make it fun for the child. In this way, every association made will be invoke a happy memory later on.

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5 Activities To Encourage A Love Of Math In Your Children

By Nicole Dean

Oftentimes parents invest a lot of money in thick workbooks to teach their kids math. Some children are open to workbooks. Others are not. If your child is bored by workbooks, don't fret. There are plenty of other ways to teach math – and they're fun!

Board Games Dust off your Monopoly game and your game of Life. Counting money is great practice for learning math. If your child is old enough, ask her be the banker.

Cooking Cooking is a wonderful way to teach addition, multiplication, division and fractions. (Even the adding of fractions which is, of course, quite advanced.) Whether your child is 3 or 13, you can teach math in a fun way with recipes. If your child chooses the recipes and writes the grocery lists, she will get practice with her reading, spelling and writing skills, too.

Have a Garage Sale Garage Sales or yard sales are a natural way to practice math. Your child can help by writing the prices on items, by collecting money and dispensing change. No matter how you involve your child, she will be practicing math, gaining confidence, and some good business and communication skills as well.

Math Uno Remember the game of UNO that you played as a kid? Have you ever involved math when playing the game? Instead of playing one matching color or number on the card that is face up, instead play two or more number cards that add up to that number.

For older kids, you can encourage subtraction, multiplication and division as well.

Start a Family Business Of course one of the best ways to practice math is by running a business. Either help your child start a small business or consider a family business. Whether it's a baby-sitting business or a lemonade stand, your child's brain will be challenged.

If you already own a family business, then, by all means, allow your child to help.

These are just a few ways you can practice math with your child – and help him to gain more confidence in his math skills.

Nicole Dean invites you to <http://www.ShowKidstheFun.com> -- a free website filled with activities to make memories with your children and <http://www.ShowKidstheMoney.com> -- a fun and informative resource for moms who want to help their kids make money.

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