

## Dear Families,

# Welcome to Preschool!

This year we're using a math program called Bridges in Mathematics Pre-K. It will help your child get ready for kindergarten. Bridges also helps make math meaningful and fun for pre-K students!

This year, children will:

- Count, compare, read, and write numbers to 10 (especially numbers from 1 to 6)
- Solve simple story problems with counting, addition, and subtraction
- Find, name, and describe shapes in the world
- Put shapes together to make other shapes and complete puzzles
- Sort objects by traits like color, shape, and size



You can help your child develop skills and a love of math by talking about numbers and shapes in daily life. Sorting and patterning are basic ways of creating order and structure. Sorting can lead to counting and comparing too. Working math into your daily life doesn't take special materials or extra time, because math is everywhere. Here are a few examples:

When it's clean-up time, invite your child to:

- Sort their toys by type—action figures in one bin, toy vehicles in another, plastic dinosaurs in another, and so on.
- Work with you to line up the stuffed animals in a pattern—big, little, big, little or teddy bear, other animal, teddy bear, other animal—as you put them back on the shelf.
- Set the timer (on your stove or phone) and see if you can work together to finish the job before it goes off.

When you do the laundry, invite your child to:

- Help sort the clothes by color before you wash them.
- Help find pairs of matching socks when they come out of the dryer.
- Help sort the clean, folded clothes for different household members.

At the grocery store, invite your child to:

- Search for a particular number (try 3 or 4 for starters) and tell you when they find one.
- Pick out 5 or 6 really good-looking apples and count them into the bag with you.
- Pick up 2 bags of produce, maybe a bag of apples and a bag of potatoes, to see which one feels heavier. As your child watches, place each bag on the produce scale to find out for sure.

Get more information and ideas about how to help your child by visiting this website for families:  
[www.mathlearningcenter.org/families](http://www.mathlearningcenter.org/families).