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They say April showers bring May flowers, so whether the little ones are [getting muddy with their buddies](#) or running through the yard barefoot, Spring is a perfect opportunity to [get outdoors and teach your child](#) about this time of year.

Classic Games and Activities Make Learning Math Fun

One, two, there's more to do as the [Family Resource Library](#) continues to grow. Our latest resource shows parents how to [play the way to math](#) with their children through fun, classic games like hopscotch, I Spy and Simon Says.



You've heard us talk about teaching math in the kitchen through cooking meals or making playdough, but our newest resource shares tips for teaching math around the house and outside.

When learning about quantities and size, activities that help children see math in action help children connect math with their daily life. To teach measurement, take old mail or newspapers and tape them to the wall. Grab your measuring tape and teach your child how to measure height. You can even measure your child or the family pet. Your child will enjoy measuring everything in the house, and you'll enjoy watching them want to learn.

For more ways to play the way to math, [download the free resource](#).

To keep learning growing at home, visit our [Family Resource Library](#). [En Español](#).

Turning Outside into a Classroom



As the grass turns greener and flowers bloom, take the kids outside and explore.

One way to teach children math, science and more is to show children how their surroundings change with each season.

Whether you're on the playground or in the backyard, ask children what they see: flowers, leaves, birds, etc. As they look around, ask how these creatures and colors are different from winter. This is an opportunity for children to learn comparisons.

As you walk around, pick up leaves and acorns. Ask about their shapes and colors. This gives children an opportunity to discuss what they see, which better develops their communication skills. It also allows children to learn new shapes and sizes.

For more ways to [learn outdoors](#), check out the [outdoor activities section](#) of the *Family Resource Library*.

You're Never Too Young to Learn



Learning begins as soon as a child is born, so our [curriculum & supplements section](#) shares full and supplemental curriculums to help teachers with their youngest students. Our curriculum, [Connecting with Infants \(CWI\)](#), makes developing activities for the youngest students easier.

Starting with an [introduction to tips and techniques](#), this curriculum is for children from birth to 18 months. Understanding that children experience an immense amount of development during those first 18 months, CWI is separated into two sections – young infants and mobile infants.

Teaching social and emotional skills to young infants focuses on relationships – their trust of others – emotional expression and self-awareness. Teachers are encouraged to learn how these little ones prefer to be held when eating or sleeping, how they react during changing and dressing and how they prefer to be comforted.

For mobile infants, learning social and emotional skills looks like observing how children react to new people and environments and discussing ways to comfort them during times of fright or frustration.

To learn more about connecting with infants, [click here](#).

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