



## Regular Review Helps Your Child Strengthen Math Skills

Success in math is built on mastering basic skills. Help your child establish math review habits that reinforce these skills.

Here's how:

- **Regularly quiz your child on basic math facts:**  $2 \times 9$ ,  $12 - 4$ ,  $6 + 6$ , etc. Together, make a set of flash cards with the math facts he needs to know. Review them together often---at the breakfast table, in the car, or while waiting at the doctor's office. Your child has mastered a math fact when he can give the correct answer in less than three seconds.
- **Resist providing the answers.** Your child will learn better if you show him how to find answers instead. For instance, if he doesn't know what  $3 \times 5$  is, have him draw an array with three rows of circles and five circles in each row. Then have him count the total number of circles to get the answer.
- **Have your child practice writing numbers neatly.** Many of the math errors students make are due to messy number writing. Your child could use graph paper to make sure his numbers are neatly lined up.
- **Encourage your child to work more problems** than the teacher assigns. Good math skills come with practice. He can solve problems that he already solved on previous assignments so that he has the answers to check his work.
- **Challenge your child to do math "in his head."** See if he can figure out a problem without using pencil and paper. Practice estimating too.

