



Connections

Why are connections important in numeracy?

- The ability to gather, create, connect and understand information helps us make decisions.
- We make connections between what we already know and new ideas. Building on past experiences helps us in our day-to-day lives.
- When using numeracy, we can make connections in our subject areas, in our homes and in our communities.

How can I help my child?

Together with your child, try these activities:

- Compare the sizes and shapes of objects around the house, yard or park.
- Go on a treasure hunt. Draw a map. Use directional clues such as over, under, above, below, next to and beside.
- Count how many days on a calendar until special events, such as birthdays, school events, celebrations, etc.
- Look at a clock to figure out how many minutes or hours until a certain activity.
- Read a recipe and make a grocery list including the quantity needed for each item.
- Go to the store. Compare the price per item depending on the quantity bought.
- Read a grocery receipt and compare prices.
- Compare the stats of your two favourite sports teams.
- Find objects that have the same length, the same height or width.
- Talk to your child's teacher about how numeracy is developed and practiced in the classroom.

Find out more:

- Watch these videos to find out more:
 - [Alberta Education: Numeracy Video](#)
 - [Alberta Education: My Child's Math A Guide for Parents](#)
- Read about helping to develop connections: [The 7 Mathematical Processes: Connections](#)

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