

How to Help Your Middle School Child Succeed in Math



1. Have a positive attitude about math. NEVER tell your child that you hate math (even if you do).
2. Make sure that your child is completing his/her math homework EVERY night.
3. Ask your child what they are learning about in math class.
4. Do logic puzzles and or Sudoku puzzles with your child.
5. When shopping with your child, have him/her estimate the cost, including tax. Once you pay, have a discussion about why their guess was over or under the actual amount.
6. Discuss the ways in which you use math every day in real life.
7. Keep in touch with your child's math teacher. Ask if there is anything you can/should be doing at home with your child.
8. Study with your child.
9. Do math homework with your child. You may not need to know the answers, but have your child explain how you begin a question, and problem solve together when you are stuck.
10. Go out and eat and have your child calculate the tip.
11. When you are in the car, have your child estimate the time until arrival at your destination.