

MATH BLOCK

Time	Focus	Tips and Ideas
5 - 10 minutes	Facts Practice (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division)	Spend some reviewing basic facts. This could look like playing a simple dice game or using flashcards. Focus on speed and accuracy while keeping things fun!
25 - 30 minutes	Problem Solving or Math Activity	Create a mathematical word problem for the day, or pick an activity to try from our choice board.
5 - 10 minutes	Game	Finish up with a fun and quick dice or calculator game.

READING BLOCK

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20 - 30 minutes	Silent Independent Reading	Prepare a bin of books, magazines, etc. for reading material for the day. Let your child choose a book or two and pick a comfy spot in the house to read. Consider setting a timer. Sitting down to read at the same time as your child helps role-model and communicate the importance of this time.
5 - 10 minutes	Discussion	After silent reading time, take turns telling about what you've each been reading. This practises summarizing and re-telling skills as well as building listening skills. You can also use this time to ask each other questions about what you are reading.
10 - 15 minutes	Shared Reading (reading together)	Actively read with your child using materials that are appropriate to his/her independent reading level (what he/she can read on his own with understanding).

WRITING BLOCK

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10 - 15 minutes	Word Study/Spelling	After a few days of journal writing, look for patterns of words that your child is struggling to spell correctly. Create some activities to practise those words and other ones with similar patterns. Invite your child to write them out correctly in a personal dictionary or spell them out loud like in a spelling bee. They can use a newspaper or magazine to search for and circle spelling words.
20 - 30 minutes	Journal Writing or Authentic Writing tasks	Find a notebook for your child and invite them to start a daily journal. Kids can write about their day, or their thoughts and feelings. Or instead, give them a topic or question for the day to answer. Decide on some basic criteria for the writing including length, format, etc. Emphasize writing in complete sentences with interesting words. When your child is done, have them read their journal to you and discuss the ideas. Practise editing skills by looking over the writing and picking a <i>few</i> things to correct (eg. a couple of words to check spelling, punctuation, etc.)

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