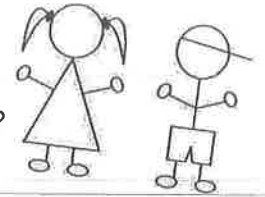


# GOOD MATH QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD

**When your child needs help getting started, you can ask:**



- Are there any words in the directions that you don't understand?
- Where do you think you could begin?
- Have you tried reading the problem aloud?
- What do you know so far?
- Can you predict what the solution might look like? What makes you think that?

**While your child is working, you can ask:**



- How are you organizing your work?
- Why did you decide to...?
- What are you wondering?
- What are you planning to do next?
- Have you noticed any patterns?

**When your child has difficulty with math homework, you can ask:**



- How is this like what you did in class today?
- Does this remind you of a similar problem that you have solved in the past?
- Is there anything you know that could be used to solve the problem?
- Can you find help in your textbook or notes?
- Can you explain everything you have done so far?
- Can you complete part of the problem?
- Have you tried breaking down the problem?

**When your child asks "Is this right?" you can ask:**



- Does your answer seem reasonable? How do you know?
- What does your answer mean?
- How can you convince me that your solution makes sense?
- Can you use another approach and compare the solutions?
- Is there more than one possible solution?
- What is being counted? Does your solution need units?

**When your child is finished with homework, you can ask:**



- What did you learn from this assignment?
- What new questions do you have?
- How do these problems fit with what you have been learning recently?
- Will your strategy always work?
- What would happen if...?