



Family Math Engagement Grab & Go: Measurement

This activity would be
best used by:

Schools Families

Materials:

- Ruler or Tape Measure utilizing Inches
- Paper and pencil
- Assortment of objects that can be measured using a ruler
Examples: Tabletop, book, tissue box, paper, picture, etc.

Steps:

1. Pick an object to measure.
2. Talk to your child about starting at the zero mark to measure with precision so they understand how to use the tool.
3. Begin with the whole inch. "This object is 'x' whole inches and a little more."
4. Verify the accuracy of the child's statement.
5. Move to measuring the object to the nearest half-inch.
6. Verify the accuracy of the child's statement.
7. Move to measuring the object to the nearest quarter-inch.
8. Verify the accuracy of the child's statement.
9. Finally, move to measuring the object to the nearest eighth-inch.
10. Verify the accuracy of the child's statement.
11. Practice measuring different objects.

Lagniappe:

- Practice measuring with a ruler or tape measure.
- Talk to your child about starting at the zero mark to measure so they understand how to use the tool.
- Note: The smallest standard unit of measurement in elementary school required is the eighth-inch measure.
- For additional practice with measurement using fractions, see "Upper Elementary Grab & Go: Understanding Fractions of a Ruler."

