

Why is it important? Measuring is a great early math skill- and one that can be super fun for children to play with! Again, the more your child utilizes the math and science parts of their brain, the easier they'll understand those concepts later in life. If you want a geometry whiz kid, now's the time to start!

Everyday Tips: My favorite way to teach children to measure is by doing so in using items they're familiar with. How many stuffed animals long is their bed? How many shampoo bottles wide is the tub?

Activity 1: A fun activity this week would be to talk to your child about how horses are measured in "hands." Cut a piece of string to the width of your child's hand and start measuring things around your house with it. This is a great opportunity to have a scientific method conversation with your child. How many hands tall is the TV? Move through the scientific method- have them hypothesize, then test, then conclude. Another great math/science conversation you can have around this activity is the fact that peoples' hands are different sizes, and that might make the measurements different. How many "dad hands" high is the TV? If horses are measured in hands and peoples' hands are different sizes, does your child have any thoughts about that?





Activity 2: Get out some blocks and have your child use them to measures. Inches/feet are still going to be a tough concept, but your child can certainly figure out "how many blocks tall is the table? How many blocks tall are you?"

Activity 3: Follow a recipe! Any recipe that requires a child to measure ingredients with a cup teaches them about volume measurements! Baking is especially good at teaching this concept, so get out your favorite banana bread recipe and get baking!

