

How to use Starfall Math

A Guiding Document for Parents

Notes on General Use

Starfall is an educational games website that organizes games by grade level (K-3) and subject categories, including letters, numbers, holiday games, and more. Some of the games may require a parent or teacher to read brief instructions, but most -- even for kids in younger grades -- are self-explanatory.

Recommended time using the website

Similar to any screen time, we strongly recommend no more than 20-30 minutes per day.

Getting Started

Go to the Starfall site (<https://www.starfall.com/h/>) to get to the homepage.

Please note: FCPS DOES NOT recommend joining for a Premium subscription, as personal information would be required. This website can be used for free and without having to enter any personal information.



Use the navigation buttons to access your student's specific grade level. Once at your grade-level page, you may choose activities for math.



You may also use the Parent-Teacher tab to access free printable materials for use at home.

The screenshot shows the Starfall Parent-Teacher Center website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "Starfall Updates" and "Need Help?". Below this is a search bar and a menu with four buttons: "Free Resources", "Using Starfall.com", "Lesson Plans & Alignments", and "Learn More". The main content area features a green banner with the text "FREE Resources to use in your classroom or at home" flanked by two stars. Below the banner are six categories of resources, each with a representative image and a label: "Customizable ELA Practice Sheets", "Customizable Math Practice Sheets", "Customizable Word & Picture Cards", "Projectable Books & Posters", "Additional Practice Sheets", and "MP3 and Lyrics" (accompanied by an illustration of a girl wearing headphones).

Free materials may be downloaded for use at home.

Three sample printable worksheets are shown. The first is a "Picture/Sound" worksheet with a grid for writing letters and a section for drawing pictures. The second is a coin identification worksheet showing a dime, dollar, half dollar, nickel, penny, and quarter with their respective labels. The third is a "Greater Than > or Less Than <" worksheet with six math problems: $3 - 2 < 4 + 0$, $2 + 0 > 1 + 5$, $8 > 4 - 1$, $1 - 0 > 6 - 0$, $0 + 9 > 4 - 0$, and $1 + 6 > 8 - 4$.

What to choose?

- Choose 1-2 activities per day. Choose those areas identified as being a need for your child, preferably something they are reviewing, rather than new information.
- Materials need not be fancy. 3 x 5 cards work just as well as printed pages. Some of these activities can even be done without materials.
- The important thing to keep in mind is to make the activities fun. If your child becomes frustrated, or unable to continue - choose another activity or pick it back up at another time of day.