



# Handout 7

## Building Preschool Math Vocabulary

Number Concept Terms			Math Operation Terms		
after	equal	more	add	compare	ones
before	even	number line	addition	difference	subtract
between	group	order	below	hundreds	tens
bigger	less	smaller	beside	minus	zero

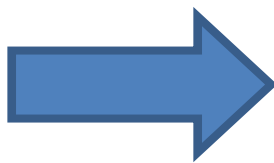
Time Concept Terms			Measurement Terms		
afternoon	day	morning	biggest	height	shortest
calendar	first	second	equal	length	size
clock	hour	today	estimate	longer	weight
date	minute	year	heaviest	measure	width

Geometry Terms			Algebraic/Problem-Solving Terms		
area	cylinder	sort	alike	graph	represent
circle	perimeter	sphere	compare	match	similar
cone	rectangle	square	data	pattern	size
cube	shapes	triangle	different	predict	sort



### Building Math Vocabulary: Tips



- Use math words regularly in the child's natural environment
- Read storybooks with math words; point out the math words as you read and discuss the meanings of the word
- Use math words during games/play activities and listen for children using the words
- Create a "Word Wall" with math words that have been introduced; use visuals with printed words as much as possible; collect math words in a fun ways with the children