

Do know how elementary math builds.
As your child progresses from kindergar

ing hard, arriving at an answer, or tackling
a tricky problem for the first time. Play
age- and skill-appropriate math games that
bring math to life and boost family fun.

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math concepts, students have to leverage ideas and skills
they've already learned. Students can't make those connec -
tions if we present math as a series of rules or shortcuts. If
your child asks for help, talk through assignments, reread
textbook passages, or draw a picture together, if possible.

Don't press your child to move too quickly. If pushed through
challenging ideas too fast, students can develop gaps of un -
derstanding and they won't be prepared to tackle high school
math. Have honest conversations with your child's teacher
about whether your child is on target, or needs extra help or
enrichment.

Don't take the reins. If your child is struggling, it can be
tempting to show him or her how to finish a problem. As