



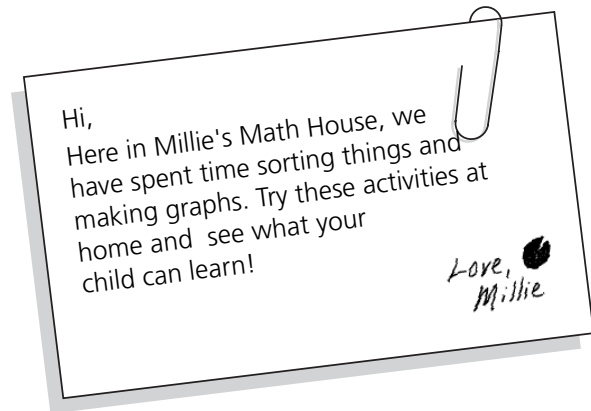
Alien Astronauts

Together Time

Clothing Watch!

Take your child to a clothing store and look at all the different styles, colors, and sizes of clothing for children his or her age. How many different kinds of shirts, for example, can you find? How would you sort them? Style, long- or short-sleeved, color, and so on.

When you return home, extend the activity to your child's own clothing. How might he or she organize his or her clothes? Listen to your child's individual ideas as to how the clothes should be arranged. This a perfect opportunity for children to group items into sets and compare numbers.



Clean Your Plate

Have your child help unload the dishwasher and sort the flatware into groups —dinner forks, salad forks, knives, large spoons, and small spoons. (If you don't have a dishwasher, have your child help you with drying and move to the next step of the activity.) Then have the child put the flatware in the correct drawer. (Make sure that your child is not handling any sharp or dangerous knives.) Talk about how the flatware items are different. Which is the shortest? Which has the most points? Which is used to cut things? What other uses do the utensils have? How does the structure of the item reveal its function?