

Math

- The child understands the concept of addition and subtraction as they use the calculator to add up prices and subtract discounts or deals.
- They are practicing mental math as they estimate the total cost of items and then use the calculator to find the exact amount.
- The child is learning about currency and the value of money as they input different amounts and calculate the total cost of items.
- They are improving their understanding of decimals and place value as they enter prices and make calculations with decimal numbers.

Continued development related to this activity can involve creating a pretend store at home where the child takes turns being the cashier and the customer. They can use real or play money to price items and make purchases, further reinforcing their understanding of money and calculations. Another idea is to create shopping lists for different scenarios and have the child use the calculator to determine the total cost of the items on the list. Encouraging the child to mentally estimate the cost before using the calculator will also help strengthen their mental math skills.

Book Recommendations

- [The Coin Counting Book](#) by Rozanne Lanczak Williams: This book introduces children to the concept of counting and adding money using fun and colorful illustrations. It's a great way for children to learn about money in an engaging way.
- [One Cent, Two Cents, Old Cent, New Cent](#) by Bonnie Worth: This book from the "Cat in the Hat's Learning Library" series explores the history of money and how it's used, making it an educational yet entertaining read for young children.
- [A Dollar, a Penny, How Much and How Many?](#) by Brian P. Cleary: This book uses engaging rhymes and illustrations to teach children about money and the concepts of estimation, place value, and more, making it perfect for reinforcing math concepts related to shopping and currency.

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