

# Make the Most of School



Do you ever wonder why you need to spend so much time on school and your studies?

Perhaps instead of studying you'd rather be playing your favorite sport, a game on your X-Box, talking with friends, or taking part in another fun activity. You might wish you were old enough to have a job working on computers, driving a big truck, caring for little children, helping others in need in an exotic or faraway country, or cooking up delicious chocolate desserts.

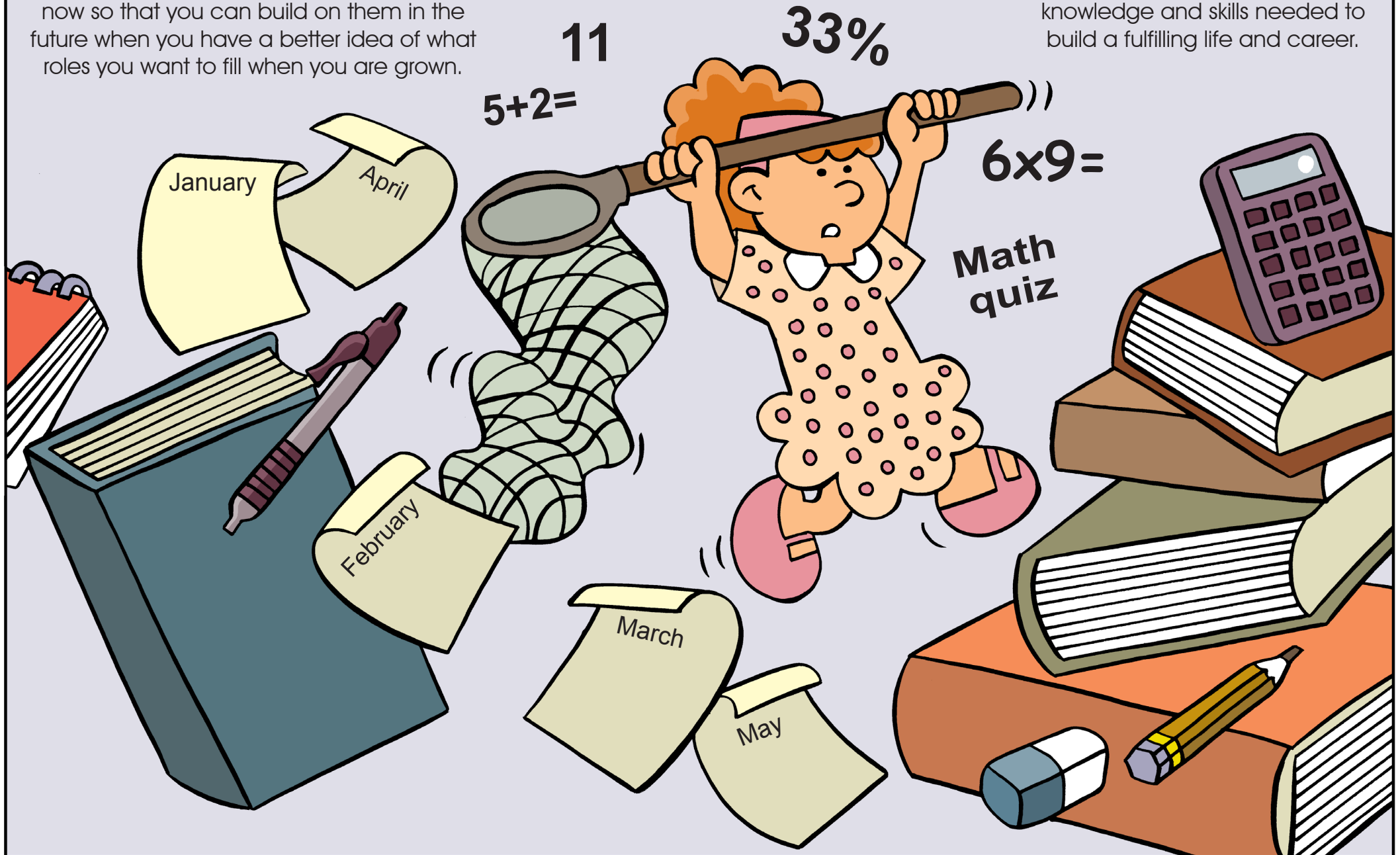
But instead you are expected to study your school subjects day after day.



Even if your teachers try to make the subjects exciting and interesting, school can sometimes still seem like hard work. And some subjects are also repetitious, because repetition is important for learning to spell, learning arithmetic, and improving your penmanship.

Your education is important! You need to develop a basic knowledge of math, language arts, history, geography, and other subjects now so that you can build on them in the future when you have a better idea of what roles you want to fill when you are grown.

When you're older, you'll be thankful for all you learned when younger, because then you'll have the knowledge and skills needed to build a fulfilling life and career.



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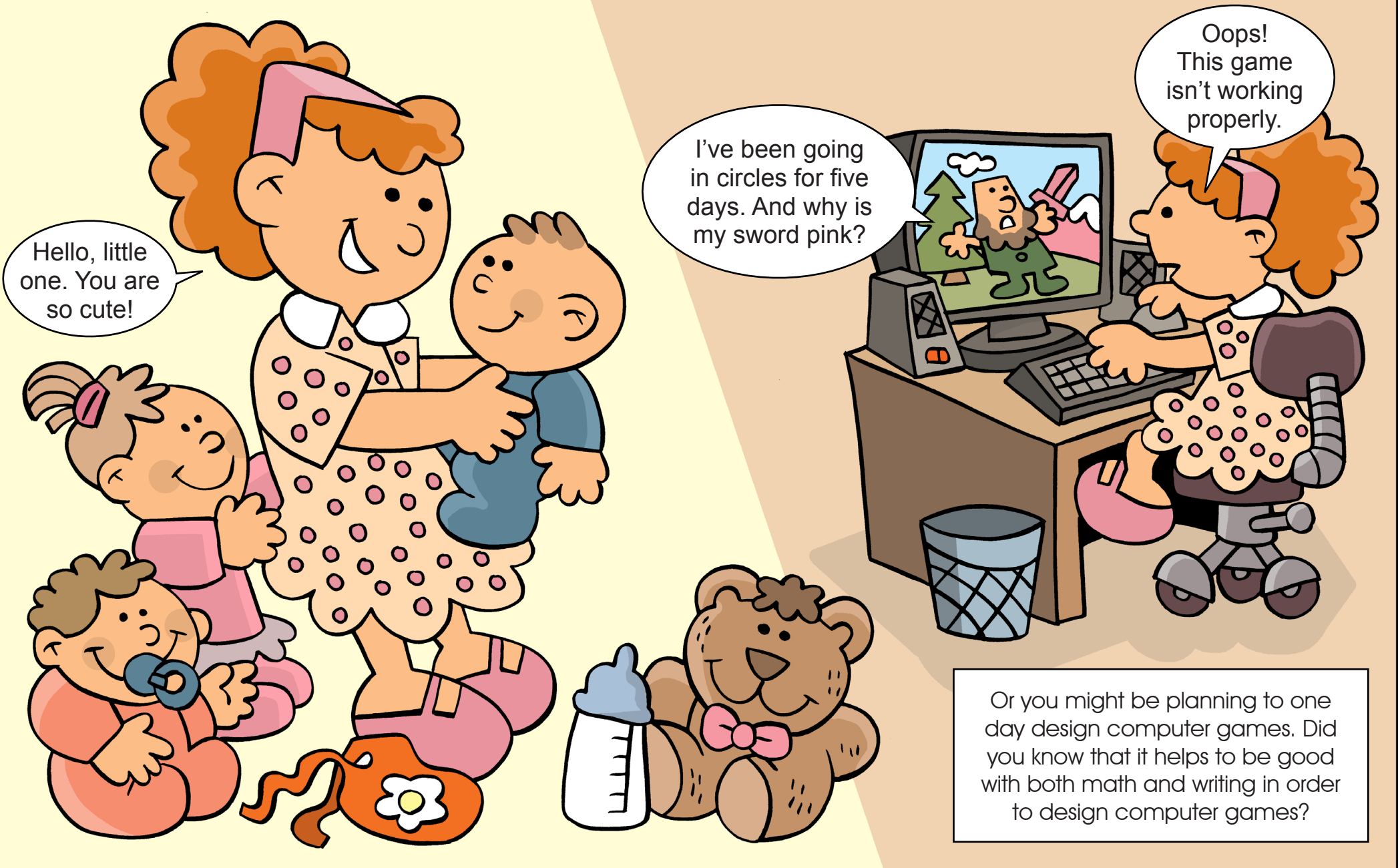
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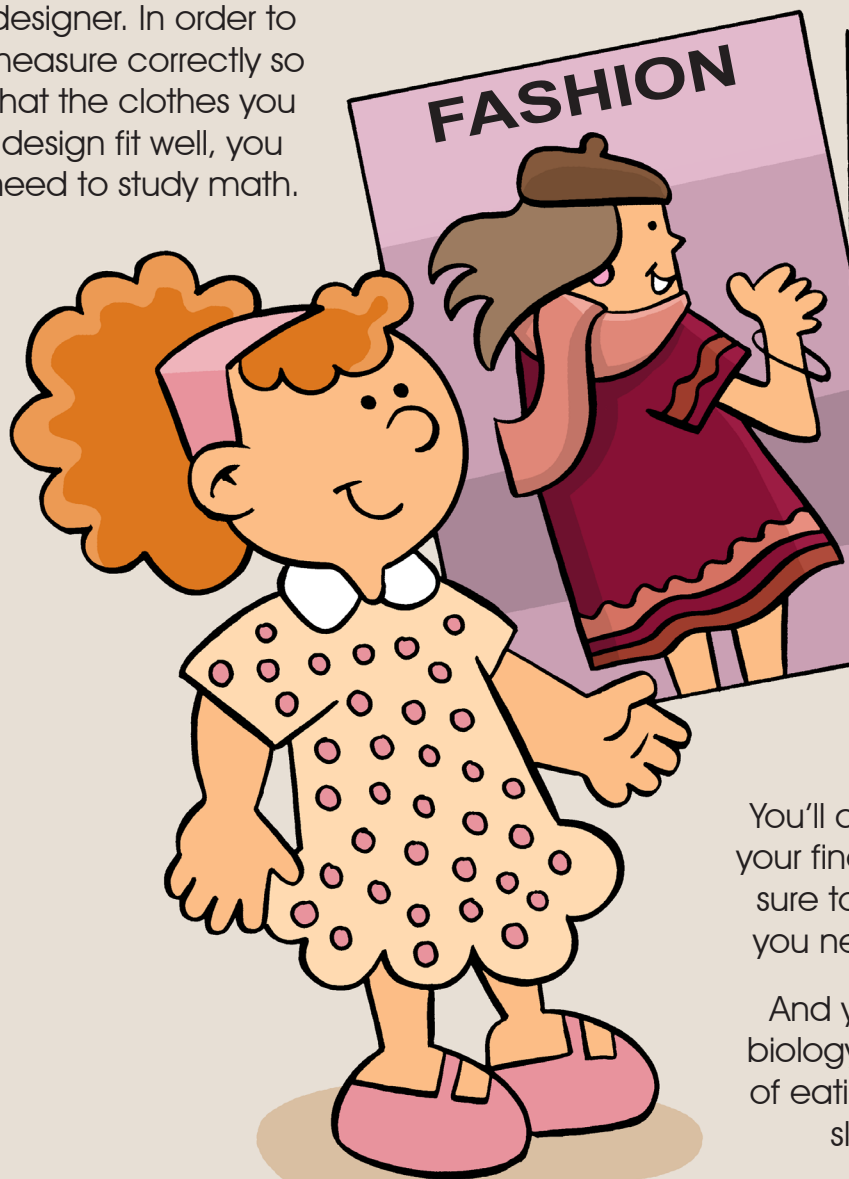
Maybe you are thinking, *But all I want to do is take care of cute babies when I'm an adult.* Did you know that to be a good caregiver of babies, you'll need to understand the basics of science and nutrition? And you'll want to have studied your language arts classes, so that you speak correctly to the babies you are caring for, which will help them to develop proper language skills.



Or perhaps you want to be a clothes designer. In order to measure correctly so that the clothes you design fit well, you need to study math.

You might dream of building a house or a bridge over a river, or creating and maintaining a beautiful garden. You'll need math to help you get the correct measurements, and science in order to know how to work well with the necessary materials.

Perhaps you'd like to be a chef who creates new chocolate delights! You'll need to understand how your ingredients interact with each other (which is science), and how to measure them accurately (which is math).



You'll also need math to help you keep track of your finances when you are older, so you can be sure to have the necessary funds to buy things you need and even fun things you might want.

And you'll want to know the basics of human biology to help you understand the importance of eating the right foods, and why exercise and sleep are important for a healthy life.



Ask your parents, teachers, or other adults how the education they received at your age is helping them out today. Your schooling today will make it possible to fulfill your dreams in the future!