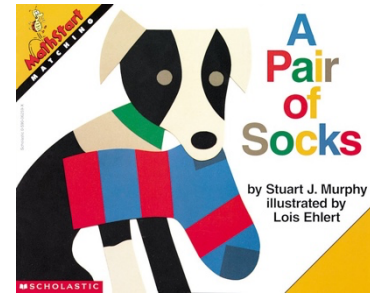


***A Pair of Socks***  
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Does a polka-dotted sock match a striped sock? Young children will learn about matching, an important early math skill, as a lonely striped sock searches the house for its mate.

In this book, children are introduced to the important concept of same and different. On each page, the sock finds a possible match in various places around the house. The book ends with a two-page spread of all the socks shown in the book and children are invited to find all the matching pairs. The brightly colored pictures make it easy for children to see the patterns and colors in each sock.

- Invite your child to help find pairs of socks when you are putting away your clean clothes.
- Classify clean clothing in groups by separating shirts, pants and underwear into piles. Define groups: These are the pajamas, these are the shirts, etc. Then separate the clothes by creating the clothes that belong to each member of the family. This is dad's clothes, baby's clothes, etc.
- In the winter, organize the family's gloves or mittens in pairs for easy finding and to prevent them from getting lost throughout the house.
- After you wash the silverware, ask your child to help you put them away in the drawer, making sure that they are all in their proper place with other matching silverware.