Funded by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, a group of developmental scientists with Dr. Thompson are examining the genetic and environmental factors influencing mathematic abilities. The research involves over 400 pairs .5 io Finally, in order to better understand the causes of reading disabilities and ultimately to develop effective interventions, information gained from the samples of typical readers was applied to twin samples where at least one member of each pair was diagnosed with reading disability. For their ongoing project on children's mathematical skills, Dr. Thompson and colleagues built on their previous work with the Western

The ongoing research by Dr. Thompson and colleagues addresses a gap in our understanding of how children develop math skills. While the importance of quantitative