

## Family Activities



### School Readiness Skill: Counts sets of objects up to 10

Counting sets of objects involves children counting groups of objects that are the same in some way. The activities below will provide your child many opportunities to practice this important skill.

#### Egg Carton Math



For this activity you will need an empty egg carton, marker, and small food item such as dry beans or macaroni. Using a marker, label the bottom of each section of the egg carton with a different number 1 through 12. Help your child to count out the number of beans (or macaroni) to match the number in each section of the egg carton. For example: your child will count out 1 bean and place it in the section of the egg carton labeled with 1 and count out 4 beans and place it in the section of the egg carton labeled with a 4 and so on. Keep this activity handy for your child to practice over and over again until he or she has mastered it without your assistance.

#### Sets at Home

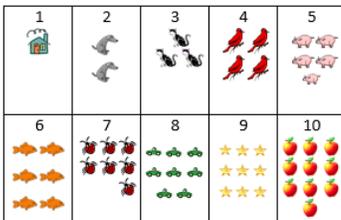
Practice counting sets of objects around the home. Start by choosing a common object such as a window. Invite your child to join you in counting the number of windows you have in a room. Say: "Let's count how many windows we have in this room." "Yes, we have four windows in this room." Your child can keep track of this by using a pencil and paper to draw a picture of four windows and writing the numeral 4 to correspond with it. Move on to counting and drawing pictures of other objects around your home such as doors, tables, chairs, televisions, etc.

#### Dice Game

For this activity you will need a pair of dice and an assortment of small items such as pennies, beans, dry pasta, or pebbles. Start off by using one of the die and move on to both dice once your child has become comfortable counting sets up to five. Have your child roll one of the die and count the number of dots once it has come to a stop. Invite your child to count out that amount from the assortment of objects you've collected. For example, if your child rolls a 4 he or she will count out 4 beans and so on. Repeat this activity many times and move on to two dice once your child is ready.

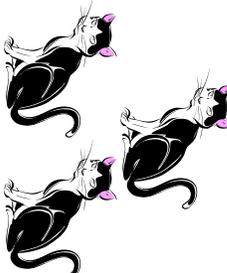
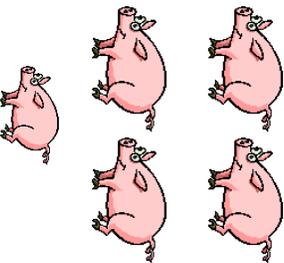
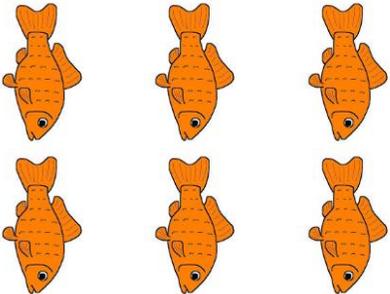
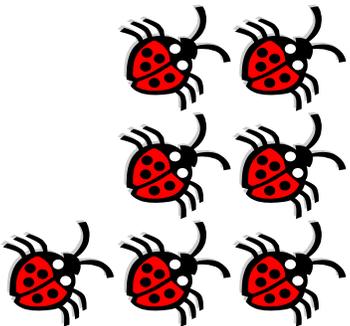
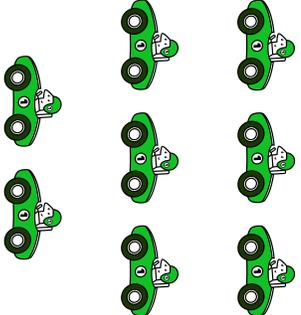


#### Counting Cards



Make your own set of counting cards by using the sheet of counting cards provided with this family activity. Invite your child to join you in a game of practice counting the objects listed on each of the counting cards. Try having your child use small objects around your home such as pennies or macaroni to place on the counting cards as they count. This activity can also be done with a common deck of playing cards. Your child will enjoy counting the sets of diamonds, hearts, clovers, etc.

# Counting Cards 1-10

<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p> 	<p>4</p> 	<p>5</p> 
<p>6</p> 	<p>7</p> 	<p>8</p> 	<p>9</p> 	<p>10</p> 