

## Family Activities



### School Readiness Skill: Matches objects with numerals up to 10

Number sense refers to a child's ability to use and understand numbers. One of the easiest ways for children to sharpen their number sense skills is to practice matching objects with numerals. Try these fun hands on activities to reinforce number sense with your child.

#### Matching Game

For this activity you will need a set of twenty blank index cards and markers. If index cards are not available you can substitute it by cutting two sheets of paper into twenty equal rectangles. Write the numerals 1 through 10 on ten of the cards. On the other ten cards, draw a set of objects for each number, such as triangles, squares, apples, stars, bears, and so on. You may also use stamps or stickers. Gather both sets of cards, mix them up, and lay them face down. Take turns with your child flipping over two cards, trying to find a matching pair (a set of objects and the numeral card that shows how many objects there are). You will both keep the matching pairs of cards you find and count them at the end of the game.



#### Counting Book

Try stapling ten sheets of paper together to make a counting book. Help your child label each page of the book with a different numeral 1 through 10. Your child can draw a different quantity of objects to match the numeral on each page. For example, on page 5 or he or she may choose to draw five flowers or five of some other objects he or she likes. Keep this with your family's collection of books to enjoy again and again.



## Finger Number Fun

For this activity you will need a set of ten number cards. A set of number cards is included with this family print activity. Hold up a number card and invite your child to display that number of fingers. For example if you hold up the number 6 card, he or she will hold up six fingers. In the beginning you should start off slow as it may take your child some time to count out the correct amount of fingers. Once your child gets the hang of it you can go at a faster pace to add challenge. With enough practice this will become automatic for your child and he or she will not have to count out the fingers. They will be able to display them on command.



## Number Card Activities

There are many opportunities for your child to use the number cards provided to match with objects they count in your home. For example, help your child count out the number of spoons in your collection of utensils and place the matching number card with it. This activity can be repeated with other common household objects such as clothing, toys, small food items, loose change, etc.



## Counting Books

There are many children's books available that reinforce counting and number concepts. Check out your local library for some of these exciting choices.



*Chicka, Chicka 1, 2, 3* by Bill Martin Jr.

*Mouse Count* by Ellen Stoll Walsh

*Jesse Bear, What Will You Wear?* by Nancy White Carlstrom

*Ten Black Dots* by Eileen Donald Crews

*Anno's Counting Book* by Mitsumasa Anno

# Number Cards

Directions: ✂ Cut apart and use with family print activities.

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