

Theme: Counting Numbers

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Hello StrongStart friends,

Today's email is from Ms. Joni (from Waverley) and Ms. Cindy (from Cook).

Counting games and activities encourage young children to "play" with numbers and quantities. They build math skills and number sense in a natural way. One activity you can make from home is a Counting and Addition Activity Tray.



You will need some material around the house or garden, such as coins, pebbles, leaves, nuts, twigs, jar lids, fabrics, etc. Use smaller objects (like marbles and dice) with caution. Count to 5, 10 or 20 depending on your child's age. You can also count backwards or practice addition/subtraction by putting more/less.

Ms. Joni has a book called "Spot Can Count" by Eric Hill - <https://youtu.be/ecDsChFJdvl>. Spot counts from one to ten while meeting some farm animals on the way.

If you want to get crafty, you can make your own counting game with a shoe box, some cardboard and markers like the photo below.



There are lots of counting songs available like Five Little Ducks or Zoom, Zoom, Zoom. Ms. Cindy also sings some Counting Songs and Fingerplays in this video - <https://youtu.be/ad4ECiyqNBM>

One last activity you can try is this counting activity with some bowls/muffin tray, a pair of tongs (optional) and pompoms (or cotton balls, chopped up fruits, anything that can fit into the bowls/tray). Mark each bowl with a number and ask the children to place items to the corresponding number.



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Let us know how your activity went by sending us a photo 😊

