

Counting Numbers

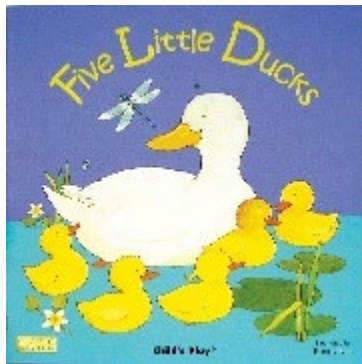
Hello StrongStart friends,

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.

Now, let's read a counting book called "Five Little Ducks" with Ms. Ruth
- <https://youtu.be/jO8DR9n-uoM>



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.



Get your wiggly fingers ready for some Counting Songs and Fingerplays with Ms. Cindy - <https://youtu.be/ad4ECiyqNBM>

Another 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.



Here are a few more counting books from our fellow StrongStart teachers:

- Teacher Evina reading "Look Whooo's Counting" by Suse MacDonald - https://youtu.be/Se_uvftHKAw

- Teacher Michelle reading "Ten in the Bed" by Jane Cabrera
- <https://youtu.be/ljM3fdKr1Cw>
- Ms. Joni reading "Spot Can Count" by Eric Hill - <https://youtu.be/ecDsChFJdvl>
- Teacher Evina reading "Count to 10 with a Mouse" by Margaret Wise Brown
- <https://youtu.be/vknVIC9e8LQ>
- Teacher Steven reading "15 Animals" by Sandra Boynton
- <https://youtu.be/VQaHbEXcd2A>
- Ms. Cindy reading "Ten in the Den" by John Butler - <https://youtu.be/Rf20mMIPqGE>
- Ms. Doris doing a circle time and reading "Mouse Count" by Ellen Walsh
- <https://youtu.be/1-6yEDSjryl>

