

Count Me In

Your child begins to develop numeracy by counting objects and seeing mathematical information used at home.

A young child will have her own ways of dealing with mathematical ideas. Encourage your child to explain and record number experiences in her own way.

A four-year-old can work with only one concept at a time. He can sort objects by shape *or* colour, but usually not by shape *and* colour.

At six years of age, a child can usually work with two concepts at a time. A child's working memory grows from being able to retain one "unit" of information at age four, to being able to retain four "units" at age ten.



At home, everyday experiences like counting and measuring will help your children learn math when they go to school.

How can you help?

With your child:

1. Count when you set the table.
2. Measure and weigh when cooking.
3. Read the numbers on license plates on cars.
4. Check the calendar for the dates of special events.
5. Play number games, including simple card games.
6. Make up number stories about what you see and do: "We went to a party and six cousins were there."
7. Do number songs and rhymes at home, in the car or on the bus.



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Seven Little Numbers

Seven little numbers
On my phone,
I learn them together to call my home.



Seven little numbers,
What are they?
My telephone number
I learned today!
(Say telephone number.)

Ten Little Fingers

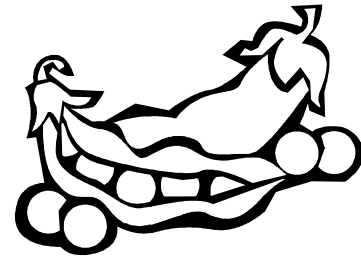
As you sing, point to the appropriate body part.

I have ten little fingers and ten little toes.
Two little arms and one little nose.
One little mouth and two little ears.
Two little eyes for smiles and tears.
One little head and two little feet.
One little chin, that's *child's name* complete.

A Little Game

Eat Your Greens

You'll need:
Grocery flyers
A green disposable plate



Have your child cut or tear pictures of foods from magazines. Put the green plate on the floor and spread the magazine pictures around it. Explain to your child that only the green foods can go on the plate. Have them decide which foods can be put on the plate.

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