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Activity	Counting (including number)
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Ideas for babies and toddlers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model counting and comment using number and amount: across a variety of everyday contexts. Count fingers and toes during care routines, draw attention to <i>more</i> and <i>less</i>, count steps, numbers of cars etc. Use gesture and model counting on fingers. • Sing lots of counting songs and rhymes: (See development zone resources for example songs and rhymes). • Provide and share books with contain the counting sequence: books containing numbers such as, ‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar’, by Eric Carle. Alternatively create your own counting books. (See development zone resources for book recommendations). • Treasure baskets: with small groups of the same items progressing to baskets of varying items to compare. • Collections of manipulatives: to count • Lots of numerals in the environment: in role play areas, as props for songs and rhymes etc.
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