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Activity	Cardinality
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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. Comment on numbers of things, for example instead of saying blocks say, <i>three</i> blocks. • Sing lots of counting songs and rhymes: (See development zone resources for example songs and rhymes). • Treasure baskets: with small groups of the same items progressing to baskets of varying items to compare. • Collections of manipulatives: to count • Play hiding games: such as peek a boo or where's teddy gone • Provide mark making materials: indoors and out for babies and toddlers to begin representing mathematical ideas in play • Resources with picture representation and numeral: such as inset puzzles with two ducks and the numeral 2.
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