

## Math Beginnings

Before you begin with any of the math posts, there is a sequence that should take place when teaching beginning math skills:

- 1) Teach counting skills focusing on counting up to ten, using objects, one at a time.
- 2) Teach numeral symbols alongside of counting. Teaching counting put having the number present.
- 3) Teach about numeral's amounts by counting out objects for each given numeral.
- 4) Teach about results of combining or taking away quantities.

I will try to post activities for each skill level often so that everyone will have plenty of activities to meet their child's needs.

Consider investing in manipulatives because I will use them in most of my math activities.

I recommend ordering bear counters and unifix cubes from amazon.com

### First Thing's First

Start with the basics....counting. Your child sometimes likes to count, but doesn't realize they are counting 1 thing and then another and another, etc...they are just speaking from rote memory. So get them to count objects with you, like steps in your house, or windows or squares on their breakfast waffle. Help them take their time counting from one object to the next because kids who dont understand one-to-one correspondence will get ahead of themselves or behind when counting. For example, if they are counting five gummy bears in a row they might count while running their finger across quickly and their sum will be lower than the number of gummies; or they might count slow and their sum will probably be higher than the actual number of gummies. Counting is a skill that your little one needs to learn, and you get to teach them :)