Home Activity
Counting Around the House

What's The Point
The purpose of this activity is to help your child explore numbers and counting, an important step toward learning how to add and subtract.

This Activity Will Help Your Child
- Understand "how many"
- Practice counting and doing simple number problems
- Understand the connection between a group of things and a number

Book Suggestions
- Feast for 10
  by Cathryn Falwell
- Tikki Tikki Tembo
  by Arlene Mosel

Supplies
- Everyday objects (e.g., buttons, shoes, toys)

How Do I Do It?
Help your child explore counting in everyday activities.
- When setting the table, help your child count how many people will be eating together and figure out how many plates, napkins, cups, etc. you'll need. Then let your child count them out.
- Make up "number stories" using objects from around the house, such as stuffed animals, small toys, or even fruit. For example: "You have 3 toy cars. If I give you 2 more, how many will you have?" or "We have three apples. You and I are each going to eat an apple. How many apples will there be?"
- Include your child in child safe cooking activities. Have him/her help count out ingredients and help with measuring and pouring.

Take It Further
Move from counting around the house to counting everywhere. Count apples as you load them into a bag at the grocery store, or count the number of pumps at a gas station. You can also count people in line at stores and the number of items that you purchase.

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