

## Math Learning at Home

Easy and fun activities for families to do at home to promote children's mathematical development.

Invite your child to ...

- 1. Sort laundry by type, size, and color.
- 2. Count everyday household item in the home, for example napkins, plates, cups.
- 3. Add and subtract by putting items together or taking them away.
- 4. Go on a number hunt

## Frying Pan Fun

| Instructional<br>Objective:                                 | By using a frying pan, paper yolks and plastic eggs, TLWBAT match<br>two sets of like quantities by placing the yolk on to the paper plate<br>with the corresponding amount of dots.  |
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| New Jersey Preschool<br>Teaching and Learning<br>Standards: | Mathematics: 4.1.4<br>Understand the relationship between numbers and counting.   |
| Materials needed for<br>activity:                           | Frying pans (from the household)<br>10 plastic eggs<br>Yellow construction paper<br>10 paper plates<br>Spatula (form the household)   |
| Procedures:   | Beginning: First, prepare all yolks and paper plates by writing a<br>number from 1-10 and drawing the same amount of dots as the<br>number shown. Then, place all the plastic eggs inside the frying pan<br>and arrange the plates in a straight line on the floor or table in<br>front of the children. After, encourage the child to choose an egg<br>from the frying pan to work with and crack it open.<br>Middle: After the child has cracked open their egg, a paper yolk will<br>fall out. Invite the child to state the number that they see written<br>on the yolk OR count the dots to support them in identifying. After<br>the child has identified the number, invite the child to match the<br>number on the yolk to the corresponding paper plate with the same<br>shown quantity by using the spatula to move the yolk.<br>End: After the child has matched the number/amount on the egg to<br>the corresponding number/amount on their paper plate, invite the<br>child to count out loud from 1 -10 while both the<br>child/parent/teacher touch the corresponding paper plate on the<br>floor/table. |

## Counting Fun

| Instructional<br>Objective:<br>New Jersey Preschool<br>Teaching and Learning<br>Standards/Common<br>Core Standards: | TLWBAT Demonstrate counting, measuring and comparing skills. <u>Mathematics:</u> 4.1.1       Count to 20 by ones with minimal prompting.         4.1.2       Compare groups of up to 5 objects   |
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| Materials needed for<br>activity:   | <ul> <li>Ice tray(or egg carton)</li> <li>Anything around the home (Not food, not too small)hair barrettes, hair bands, cotton balls, legos, pom poms,or just crumbled paper.</li> <li>2 sets of number cards 1-6 with dots on back.</li> </ul>  |
| Procedures:   | Beginning: Explain to your child, "Today we will use these everyday<br>items to count, measure and compare. That means we will use<br>words like more, less or the same. Also, long, short, many, a few.<br>Ask your child, "What do you think I will put inside the ice trays?"<br>How do I know how many to put?(point out number cards/dots on<br>back to count) Pick up the card, count and place items in one side<br>of tray(emphasizing that the last number represents the total)<br>Middle: Ask your child to do the same for the other side of the<br>tray. Ask "which side has many or few?" which one is long? short?<br>How do we know? Which one has more? Which side has less? Then<br>tell them the right side has 2 more, the left side has 2 less.<br>End:. Your child will have a tray in the middle with set of numbers<br>1-6 on each side items to count. You can facilitate as your child<br>follows the same steps. Ask your child to compare, measure<br>reminding them of using the above vocabulary and questions. You<br>may also ask "How can we make both sides of the tray the same<br>amount?" |

## Numbers Necklace

| Instructional Objective:                                    | TLWBAT understand the relationship between numbers and<br>their quantities by spinning a numbered spinner, then<br>quantifying for that number using straw pieces to make a<br>necklace.   |
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| New Jersey Preschool<br>Teaching and Learning<br>Standards: | M 4.1.4 a Understand the relationship between numbers<br>and quantities (i.e., the last word stated when counting tells<br>"how many"):<br>M 4.1.2 Recognize and name one-digit written numbers up to  |
| Materials needed for activity:                              | 10 with minimal prompting.<br>String, 1 inch straw pieces, paper plate number spinner  |
| Procedures:   | Beginning: Invite your child to the table to make a straw<br>necklace. Explain to your child that in order to create their<br>necklace, they will have to use numbers. Explain that each<br>number has a value or quantity. Give some examples of<br>numbers and quantities using any other household items,<br>then introduce items and explain how to use the spinner.<br>Middle: Invite your child to spin the spinner, identify the<br>number, then take that many pieces of straw pieces and<br>string them on a piece of string. Ask your child to tell you<br>how many pieces they are using as they work. Continue this<br>step until their necklace is completed. |
|   | <i>End</i> : Review the concepts of numbers and their quantities and encourage your child to tell you how many items each number means.  |