



Math Activity week 9: Subitizing

Learning Target: I can tell the number in a set without counting (subitizing).

Learning Target: I can add together numbers in 2 sets.

Subitizing is an early math skill where children are able to know a number of objects in a set without having to count them out. When children are able to "subitize" they are better able to recognize patterns.

****** An activity that is free and you can do anywhere is subitizing by holding up your fingers.

1. Parent holds up their fingers on one hand. Depending on if your child is "not there yet" or "needs a challenge" will dictate how high you go up in numbers.
2. Ask your child how many fingers they see. Explain that you do not want them to count how many you have. They tell you just by looking.
3. If your child has mastered some numbers but not others than focus on the ones they need more practice with.
4. Tag team! You can go back and forth between you and your child guessing.



****** Another way to practice this skill is to use dominoes or dice.

Using dominoes:

1. Use number cards or write out the numbers 1 to 5 on index cards or cut up pieces of paper.
2. Let your child match the number card to the domino with the corresponding number of dots.

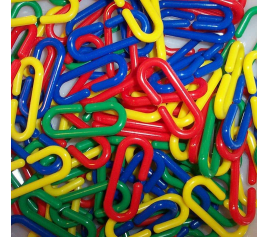
Need a challenge: Do this activity with numbers 6 to 12.

Using dice:

1. Let your child roll a dice.
2. The side that is "face up" is the side they tell you the number of.

Need a challenge? Use 2 dice.

*These activities can also be done by using small blocks or Legos, small counting bears (toys) & counting links. Use what you have available at home.



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