



Craft Activity

Theme: Numbers

Intro: Numbers are used to count, measure and label objects within our environment. Natural numbers are made from 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Craft activity: Number Caterpillar

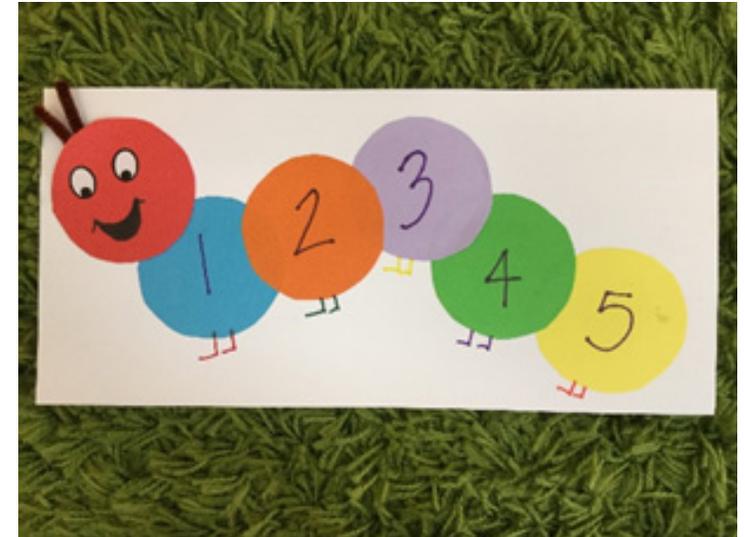
Children will need: Coloured card, paper circles/muffin cases, glue, pipe cleaners, textas, other collage items for decorations.

Instructions:

Use the glue to paste the coloured circles or muffin cases onto a piece of card. Decorate the circles to make your caterpillar. You can draw a face and legs if you wish. Write 1 number on each circle, from 0 to 9. Your number caterpillar is complete.

Extension ideas: Children or adults could also trace circles onto the paper, or use a plastic cup and paint to make painted circles. Turn your caterpillar into The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Add extra circles to write numbers higher than 9. With an adult's help, order the circles from 0 to 9 before you stick them onto the card.

Fact: There is no largest natural number. They go on forever, or "infinity!"



Learning Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners.

Coordinator extension ideas and group time guide

Sensory activity: Number Writing

You will need: Sand Tray

Instructions: Place some sand into a small tray. Children can practice writing the numbers into the sand. Younger children can also practice their fine motor skills by hand over hand support from an adult.

Tabletop Activity:

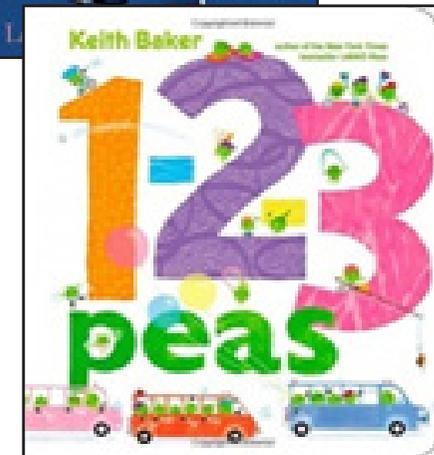
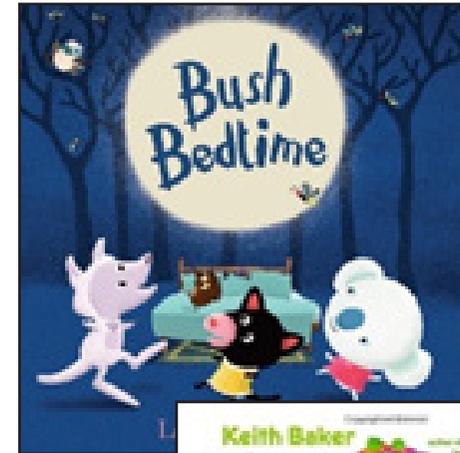
Photocopy the attached template (1 per child) and provide children with some stickers. Use the stickers to place the correct amount on each number. This activity will assist children to recognise numbers and count using the correct order.

Group time ideas:

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Act out 10 in the bed. Start with the numbers of children you have there on the day and count down. You may like to put a blanket on the ground for children to lie on then roll off.



Book Suggestions:

Bush Bedtime by Lorette Broekstra (based on 10 in the bed)

1-2-3 Peas by Keith Baker



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