

Dear Families,

Below are some simple games that you can play with your children. They are designed to be FUN, and to enhance skills.

## **"Number Picture Stories"**

- Tell your child a picture story and have them draw it, place the information in a number bond and create a number sentence. Ex: I went to the beach and found 10 shells. I put some in a pail and some in the sand.
- Use chalk outside or crayons on a rainy day and have your child create picture stories and write the number bond and number sentence to go with it.

## **"Toy Sort"**

Ask your child to sort some toys. Then ask them if they can think of a different way to sort them. One way may be color, another type, another size. (Also a great way to get them to put their toys away.)

## **"Adding and Subtracting to 10 with Snacks"**

Collect a variety of small items (goldfish cracker, pretzel stick, grapes) Give your child a few (less than 10)

Ask them how many they have? Ask them to add more until they have 10? Ask them how many more they added? Make a math sentence.  $\_\_$  plus  $\_\_$  is 10

Have them eat some. How many did they eat? How many are left? Make a math sentence. 10 take away  $\_\_$  is  $\_\_$ .

## **"Skip Counting Outside"**

Have your child skip count by 10 while jumping or catching a ball. Have them do it by tens and the Ten Way.

## **"Count to 100"**

One kindergarten math standard is to count to 100 by ones and tens (K.CC.A.1). Use small blocks, toys or goldfish crackers and have your child practice counting to 100 by ones. Have them then put those items in groups of tens, then count by tens.

## **"I Spy"**

This is a great game because it can be played at almost any time, or any place.

1. "I spy with my little eye, something that has 3 sides."- triangle hidden when you look at the side of a slide.
2. "I spy with my little eye, something that has 4 points." - beach towel that shaped like a rectangle.
3. "I spy with my little eye, something that has all curves."- bicycle wheel is shaped like a circle.

## **"Shape Search"**

- Have your child be an investigator. Send them around the house to find shapes hidden all around your home.
- Use pictures in old magazines or catalogs. Have your child trace the hidden shape in the picture with a marker or crayon.

## **"What Can You Make With Shapes?"**

With your child cut out shapes from colored construction paper and let them create stories or other objects with them.

## **"Beach Fun"**

Have your child use their beach toys to explore capacity. Fill pails with water or sand to capacity and compare what different pails can hold. How many scoops of sand does one pail hold compared to another.