

Day Early Learning

EARLY LEARNING INDIANA

At Early Learning Indiana, our mission is to ensure children throughout Indiana are empowered with essential skills to thrive in kindergarten and beyond. Each day your Day Early Learning student is in our care, they are participating in classroom activities that prepare them for this upcoming transition. Because this is such an important time for their development, we encourage you to continue their preparation at home with our Kindergarten Readiness series.



KINDERGARTEN READINESS



Series Activity #5: How Many in the Jar?

This activity will help your student make a thoughtful guess about a quantity, which is an early way to help them learn the value of numbers. This activity is best done with four to five participants, so consider doing this activity with siblings, family members or friends.

1. Prepare for this activity by collecting a clear jar or glass and 20 of any one kind of small household object like marbles, beads, uncooked pasta or beans, buttons, cotton balls, etc. Place between 10-20 objects into the jar or glass.
2. Ask participants to estimate the number of items in the jar. Using the second page of this activity, record each participant's guess as a written number (ex: fifteen) in a different box. Adjust this part of the activity for different skill levels by writing the numeral (15) on the card as well as the written number (fifteen).
3. Next, count the objects in the jar as a group. You can adjust this activity to fit different skill levels by reducing the number of objects in the jar or allowing participants to make another guess if they realize their first guess was way too low or way too high.
4. Create 'guess cards' by cutting out each guess on page 2 and arranging them in order from high to low. Ask questions to the group about the guesses. For example: Who had the closest guess? Whose guesses were more than the total? Who guessed a smaller number? Did anyone guess exactly the right number?



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1, 2, 3, READY, SET, GO!



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WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOUR STUDENT IN ACTION!

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