



Family Literacy Week
January 22 – 29, 2023

Make it Count! Play • Sort • Measure

Babies

1 2 3 Counting Fun!

Babies are always learning about the world around them. Singing songs and saying rhymes help babies learn. They develop language and connect with you. Babies are never too young to learn.

Ten Little Fingers Rhyme

Hold baby on your lap or sit/lay baby in front of you. Touch their fingers, toes, ears and nose as you say this rhyme.

*Ten little fingers, and ten little toes,
Two little ears, and one little nose,
Two little eyes that shine so bright,
One little mouth to kiss 'good night'.*

Try other counting rhymes with baby.

Repetition is an important part of learning. Sing songs and say rhymes again, and again and again!



“From the moment they are born, babies begin to form ideas about math through everyday experiences and, most important, through interactions with trusted adults. Language—how we talk with infants and toddlers about math ideas like more, empty and full—matters.”

– [NAEYC.org](https://naeyc.org)

Other ways to play with counting:

- Sing number songs.
- Count with baby as you dress them, feed them and bathe them.
- Count out loud as you read a book. “There are two puppies in this picture. One. Two.”
- Count in both directions! “1 2 3 4 5 5 4 3 2 1”