



Family Literacy Week
January 22 – 29, 2023

Make it Count! Play • Sort • Measure

Toddlers

Sorting Fun!

Sorting is one of the first math skills children learn. When a child sorts things by colour, size or shape, they are analyzing, exploring relationships and making groups. They are developing critical thinking skills.

Egg Carton Sorting Game

1. Colour the cups of an egg carton with different colours.
2. Gather small items you have at home or from nature.
3. Sort small items into the cups with the matching colour.

Variations:

- Write numbers in the bottom of the egg cups to sort by number of items.
- Use small tongs to move the items. This develops the fine motor skills used in writing. And it's fun!
- Sort in many categories – by size, colour, texture or shape. Have children make up the categories!

Other ways to play by sorting:

- Sort things by colour and then make a pattern. Blue green yellow; blue green...
- Ask children to sort stuffed animals or toys from largest to smallest.
- Label three bowls with three colours. Go on a treasure hunt collecting items that are the same colours as the bowls. Count the number of items you find.



“Sorting is one of the first foundational math skills that children start to develop. Sorting is their way of creating a sense of order and understanding of what’s going on in their world.”

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