

Let's Talk About Counting

Counting with your child is a great way to build number sense. Children need to practice counting objects as well as rote counting. Counting standards can be found in grades kindergarten, one, and two. Here are some different ways to practice counting with your child:

- Kindergarteners can practice counting from one with the goal of counting to 100 by June. If your kiddo is already counting to 100 then play a game where you take turns saying a number and naming the one that comes next.
- First graders can practice counting from one to 120. If your child is successful with that task, have them start at another number and count up from there (for instance 17 or 34).
- Second graders can practice skip counting by 5s, 10s, and 100s. By the end of the year, they should be able to identify the number that comes next when given a number between 1 and 999.

Remember counters, we say the number 134 as "one hundred thirty-four". It is incorrect to say, "one hundred and thirty-four".