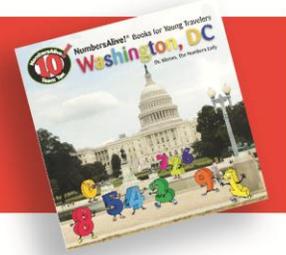




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Activities for Set of Medium Standing Plush Numbers

Here are some simple activities to do with your little one to learn number concepts. Activities 1-4 become increasingly more difficult.

1. Place numbers on floor or table.
Point to each number and name it.
Arrange numbers in order. Count forward and backward.
More difficult– Skip every other number and count by twos.
2. Arrange objects (coins, stuffed animals) in groups. Put the number representing the correct quantity beside the group.
3. Find things in the environment that relate to the numbers (number scavenger hunt).

Take one to all of the numbers as reminders and go around the room, hall, street, yard, etc. finding things that relate to the number(s). Either assign all numbers to the group/classroom or have a “number sponsor” for each of 10 months (0-9) or the calendar year (1-12).

Examples of Number, Quantity and Shape Recognition

Number Recognition

Clock numbers
Digital read-outs on electronics
Numbers in newspapers, magazines, and books
Mail addresses

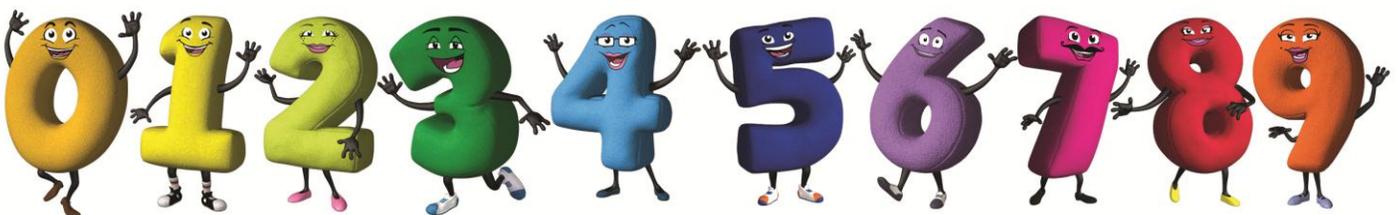
Quantity Recognition (start with 4 for easier examples)

Chair or table with four legs
TV or picture with four sides
Fork with four tines

Shape Recognition

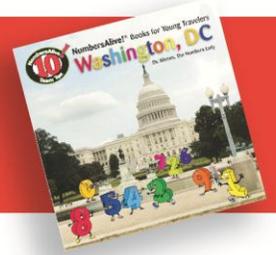
Find polygons– regular and irregular– with the number of sides as the particular number (windows– square, rectangular, diamond, trapezoid, etc. for 4; triangles in architecture for 3; flooring constructed with hexagons for 6; etc.).

See the photographic numbers scavenger hunt– parent and teacher pages of the website, www.numbersalive.org– for how to turn this activity into a classroom/group activity.





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4. Discuss where numbers came from— More advanced

Create costumes and backdrops of ancient cultures and show their number glyphs on the costumes. Pictures of number 1 in ancient Rome and number 6 in ancient Babylon are below:

