



Hey, What's Next?

Grade Level: Kindergarten

This activity brings the fun of card games to the skill of counting. You will use decks of digit cards (0-10) to see if you can play the card that comes after another number showing.

Materials:

Printable digit cards 0-10 (included)

Directions:

Place the four 0 cards in the middle of the table. Shuffle the remaining cards. Deal each player 3 cards and keep the remaining cards in the deck. Taking turns, each player will see if they can play on the cards that come "after" one of the top cards in the middle. (Players should say aloud "The 2 comes after the 1", etc) If a player plays a card from their hand then they are given another one from the deck. Play continues until the number 10 is on the top then that stack is turned over. Continue play until all four stacks are completed.

*You can also start with four 10s and count backward saying, "The 9 comes before the 10."

Math Connections:

This game has a lot to do with what your child is learning in school. They are learning how to sequence (order numbers) forward and backward. It is important to learn and master this skill before they start adding and subtracting larger numbers. Kids will also become better at counting from any number instead of always having to start at one and will become more familiar with the patterns that make up our base-10 number system.

Math Conversations:

You can help your child by using a number line from one to ten. (A ruler would be a convenient substitution for a number line). Practicing counting forward may help your child become more comfortable with the order of numbers.

You can also practice counting in other areas in real life. Time your child to see if they can finish a task in ten seconds. Count together until you get to ten. Practice counting items you get from the store. Stop before you reach ten and see if your child can finish! Make daily, routine activities an opportunity for math. These are fun ways to reinforce this important skill.



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