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At Home Storytime for Families

Let's Explore Numbers

Here are some songs to sing together!

[Tick Tock, Tick Tock](#)

Tick tock, tick tock
I'm a little cuckoo clock
tick tock tick tock
Now I'm striking one o'clock.
Cuckoo!
(Two o'clock! Three o'clock!)

You can sway with your child to the song and then lift your child up for each "Cuckoo"!

[Five Little Speckled Frogs](#)

Five little speckled frogs
Sat on a speckled log
Eating some most delicious bugs.
Yum Yum!
One jumped into the pool
Where it was nice and cool
Now there are four green speckled frogs.
Glub Glub!

Repeat verses until there are no speckled frogs left.

Virtual Read Aloud of Favorite Books

[Rent Party Jazz](#) by William Miller

Some questions to ask during or after the story:

*How do you think Sonny feels?
What are some things you can do to help your community?
Have you ever heard jazz? How does it make you feel?*

[The Very Hungry Caterpillar](#) by Eric Carle

Some questions to ask during or after the story:

*Why did the caterpillar get a stomachache?
What foods do you like to eat?
What are some other things that change?*

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Here are some activities the whole family can do together!

Bake or cook together!

When baking or cooking you can talk to your child about math concepts.

- Have your child help you count out or measure ingredients.
- Talk about what you need to do 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
- Ask what ingredients you have more or less of in your recipe.

Building with blocks or homemade construction materials

Use cereal or snack boxes to make blocks, paper cups, or other fun “construction” materials.

Encourage your child to build a tall tower! Ask them how many blocks or cups they think they can stack.

Then, count each together and stack them as high as you can!

Counting game!

Use toys or items in the same category you have at home. Count them with your child!

How many stuffed animals or cars? How many buttons or socks?

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