

Ladybug Counting Game

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The children will:

1. Begin to identify numbers.
2. Begin to learn how to count.

Materials

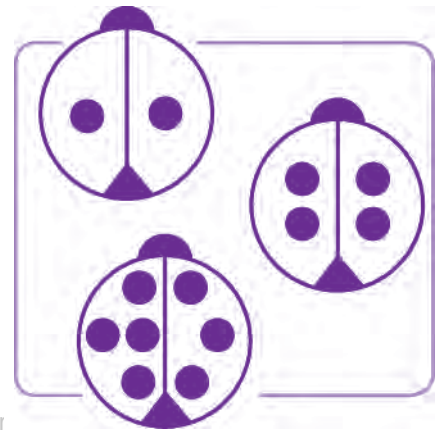
construction paper
(red and black)
glue stick
child-safe scissors
index cards
markers

VOCABULARY

count	match	number names
ladybug	number	spot

PREPARATION

- Cut out 10 ladybugs from red construction paper and cut spots out of black construction paper.
- Write the numbers from 1–10 on the index cards. Glue spots on the ladybugs, so you have a set from 1–10 to match the cards.



WHAT TO DO

1. Gather the children together in a group. Engage them in a conversation about ladybugs. Ask the children to describe how ladybugs look.
2. Show the children the ladybugs on the wall in the classroom. With the children, count the number of dots on each ladybug's back.
3. Set out the numbered index cards.
4. Ask each child to come forward and select a card.
5. Challenge each child to identify the number on the card she picks. Make sure that all of the children can see the number as well.
6. Ask the child who picked the card to match it to the ladybug with the same number of spots on its back.
7. Repeat with all the children.

ASSESSMENT

Consider the following:

- Can the children identify the numbers on their cards?
- Can the children match the numbers on their cards to the correct ladybugs?

Children's Books

Chicka, Chicka, One, Two, Three by Bill Martin, Jr. and Michael Sampson
The Grouchy Ladybug by Eric Carle
Ten Little Ladybugs by Melanie Girth and Laura Huliska-Beith

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