

Growth Chart

measurement

Materials

large piece of butcher paper
markers
measuring tape

What to do

1. This is a great way to chart children's growth throughout the year and teach them about measuring.
2. Tape a large piece of butcher paper to the wall to make a growth chart.
3. Have each child stand with his back against the chart.
4. Mark the child's height and write his name beside the mark using the same color marker.
5. Create a key in the corner with the date and the color of the marker (for example, you might use a green marker in September, a brown marker in November, and so on).
6. Encourage the children to use measuring tape to measure their height on the growth chart.
7. Remeasure the children periodically so they can see how much they've grown since the last time they were measured.

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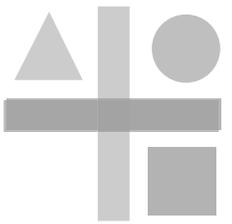
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How Many Raindrops?

counting, numeral recognition

Materials

10 pictures of umbrellas
several raindrop shapes or stickers
glue
markers

**What to do**

1. Write the numerals 1–10 on each of the umbrella pictures.
2. Let each child select an umbrella. Ask them to count out the corresponding number of raindrops and stick them to the umbrella picture. (The umbrella with the numeral 5 would have five raindrops on it.)
3. Display the counting cards in the math area.

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Listen to the Rain by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault
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Let's Count How Many

counting

Materials

record-keeping chart

What to do

1. On a regular basis, ask the children to count how many of a particular item there are in the room. You might want to start counting items that are low in number, such as three windows, eight tables, or 10 trucks.
2. Then, start counting items that require more advanced counting skills, for example, 20 markers, 45 stringing beads, 60 pegs, or 104 blocks.
3. Each time you count items, record that number on a record-keeping chart.
4. After the first month of school, continue counting the days. Keep counting until you complete the entire school year. You could add one day to the counting line every day. Keep the chart visible, so that the children will stay aware of the number of days.

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