

Pond Counting Activities

Develop counting and number recognition skills with these hands-on Pond Counting activities. By counting frogs, ducks, and other pond animals, these hands-on activities build early math skills through playful, interactive learning.



Learning Objectives:

- Counting Skills:** Students will practice one-to-one correspondence by counting frogs, ducks, and other pond animals.
- Number Recognition:** Students will identify and match numbers 1-12.
- Fine Motor Practice:** Students will strengthen their fine motor skills by manipulating cards and small objects.

Preparation:

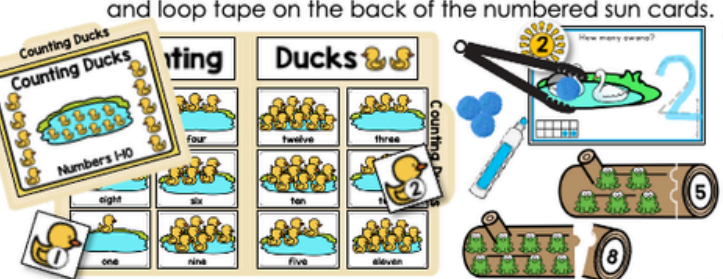
- **Print** the pages on standard paper or cardstock.
- **Laminate** for durability.
- **Cut** along the lines to separate the cards, mats, and puzzles.
- **Glue** Counting Ducks pond cards inside a file folder as shown below. Glue the cover to the outside of the file folder. Store duck number cards in an envelop attached to the back of the folder.
- **Attach** hook and loop dots to the upper left side of the counting mats and to the back of each sun card.

How to Use:

- **Counting Frogs Puzzles** – Students count the frogs and match them to the number puzzle piece; if it fits, it's correct. For added challenge, have students spin the spinner then assemble the puzzle for that number.
- **Pond Animals Counting Mats** – Provide dry erase markers, pom-pom tongs, and numbered sun cards. Students trace the number, place pom-poms on the pond animals, and affix the numbered sun card to the mat.
- **Counting Ducks File Folder Game** – Students count the ducks on each pond card then find the matching duck number to place with it.

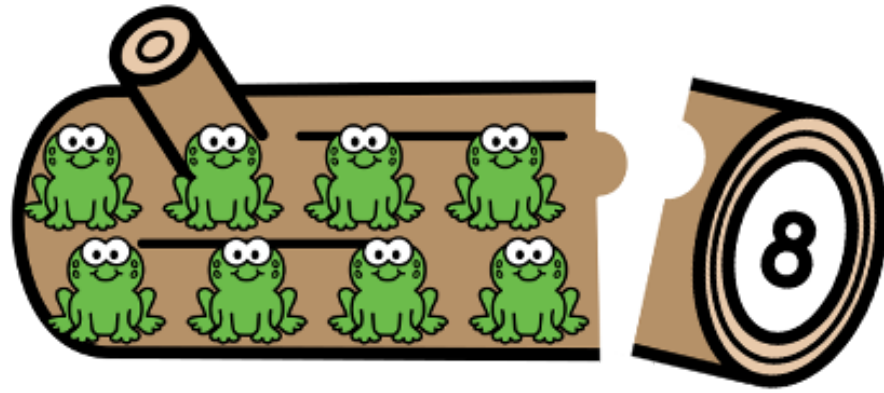
Other Fun Uses:

- **Number Order:** Have students arrange the cards or pieces in order from 1-10 before matching them with other pieces in the games.
- **Bulletin Board** – Create a vertical learning space by placing counting mats on a magnetic bulletin board and use magnets instead of hook and loop tape on the back of the numbered sun cards.



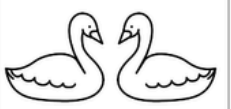

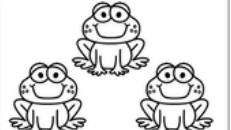

Storage Tips: Keep the cards in a small basket or in a zip-top bag for storage.

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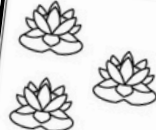





Name: _____

Count the number of items in each row. Trace the correct number.





	2
	4
	3
	1

Name: _____

Cut apart the numbers below and match them with the correct number of items.

	2
	3
	1
	2
	4
	2

How many?

			
1	2	3	4

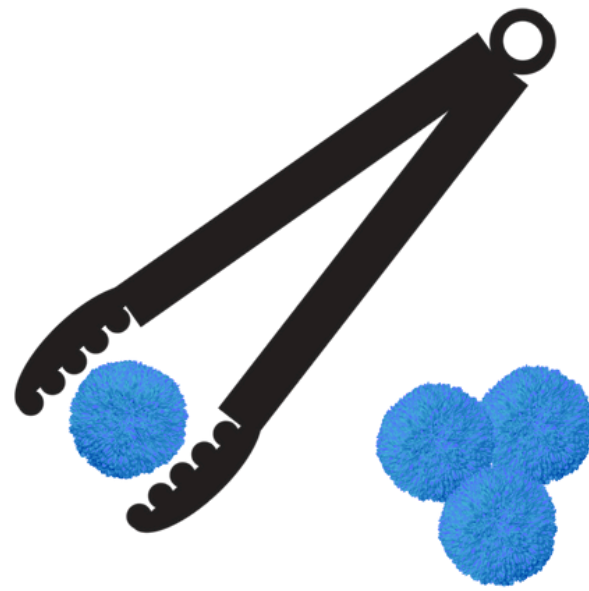
“My students love participating in these center activities. They experience independence and success while practicing key pre-k skills.”

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Counting

Ducks

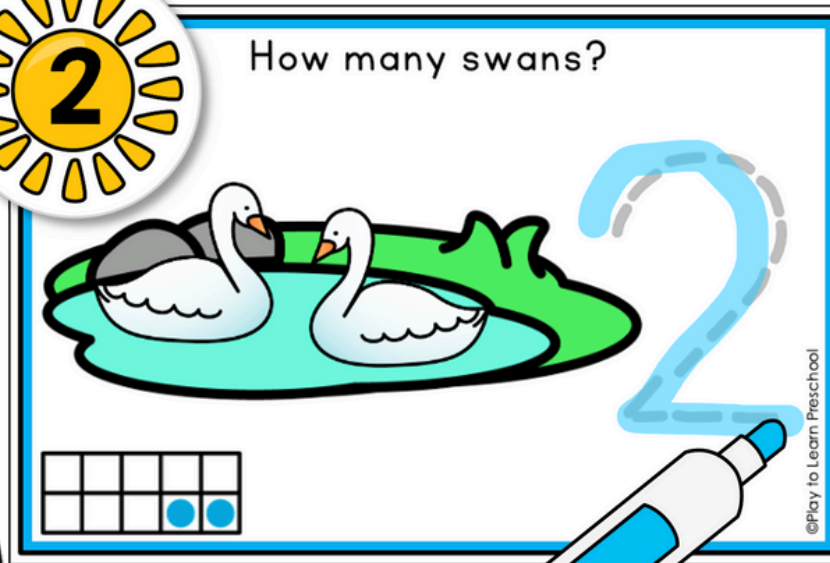
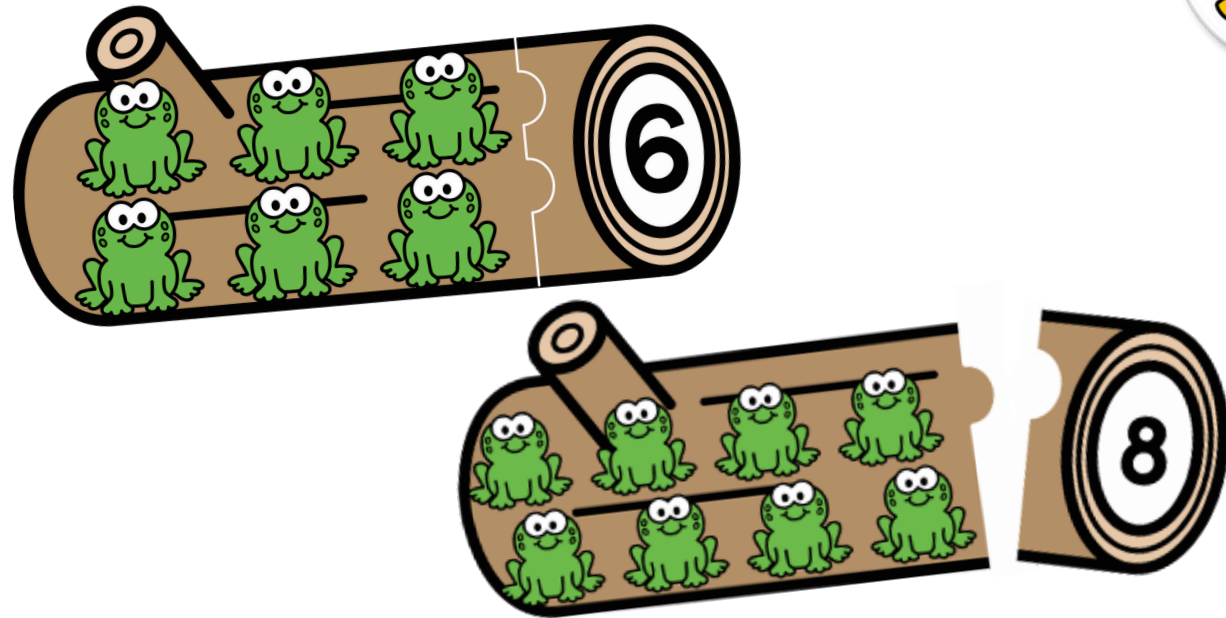


What's Included:

➤ Frog Counting Puzzles

➤ Ducklings Folder Game

➤ Pond Animal Counting Mats



BUILD CONFIDENCE WITH
INDEPENDENT CENTERS

HAVE FUN PLAYING AND LEARNING WITH YOUR STUDENTS!

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