

Back to School Counting Games

Develop skills such as **counting and number recognition** with these hands-on Back to School activities! From counting puzzles and a file folder game to counting school supplies, these hands-on activities encourage early math development through interactive and playful learning.



Learning Objectives:

- Counting Skills:** Students will practice one-to-one correspondence.
- Number Recognition:** Students will identify and match numbers 1-12.
- Fine Motor Practice:** Students will strengthen their fine motor skills by manipulating the puzzle pieces, cards, and pom-poms.

Preparation:

- **Print** the pages on standard paper or cardstock for durability.
- **Laminate** the pieces for reuse.
- **Cut out** the pieces and assemble the folder game as shown below.

How to Use:

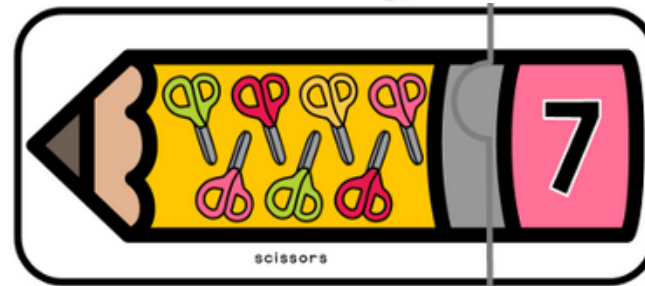
1. **School Supply Counting Puzzles** – Cut the puzzle pieces in half. Students count the items from one half of the puzzle, then find the matching number. Student assembles the puzzle. If the pieces fit, the student is correct.
2. **Counting Backpacks Folder Game** – Students count the backpacks in the cubby, then find the matching numbered folder card.
3. **Counting School Supplies** – Provide a dry erase marker, bowl of pom-poms, and a set of tongs. Students count the supplies and find the student with the correct number. Students then use the dry erase marker to trace the number and use the tongs to place the pom-poms on each school supply.

Other Fun Uses:

- **Sensory Bin Match:** Hide the puzzle pieces in a sensory bin filled with sensory mix or colorful rice for an exciting treasure hunt.
- **Number Order:** Have students arrange the cards or pieces in order from 1-12 before matching them with other pieces in the games.



Storage Tips: Keep pieces in a basket or on a tray for easy access. Store in a zippered bag when not in use.



Name: _____
Count the backpacks and write the number in the box. Then, color the picture.

Name: _____
Count the objects and write the number in the box. Then, color the picture.

Name: _____
Count the number of items in each row. Trace the correct number.

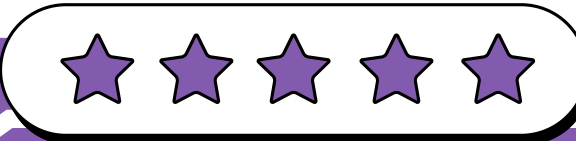
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pencil pouches	4	3	2
glue sticks	5	1	2
folders	3	4	1

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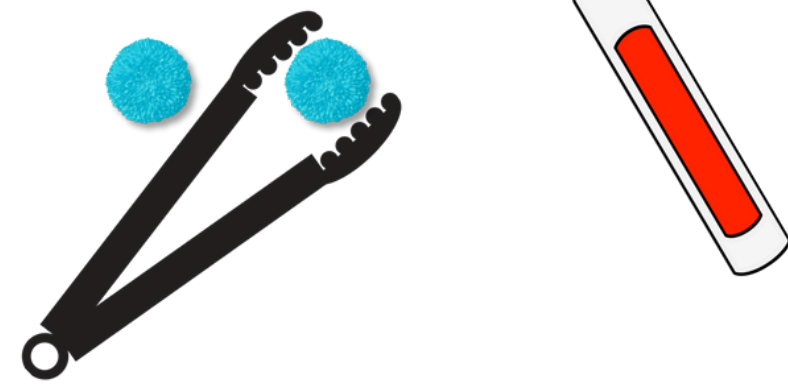
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“My students love participating in these center activities. They experience independence and success while practicing key pre-k skills.”

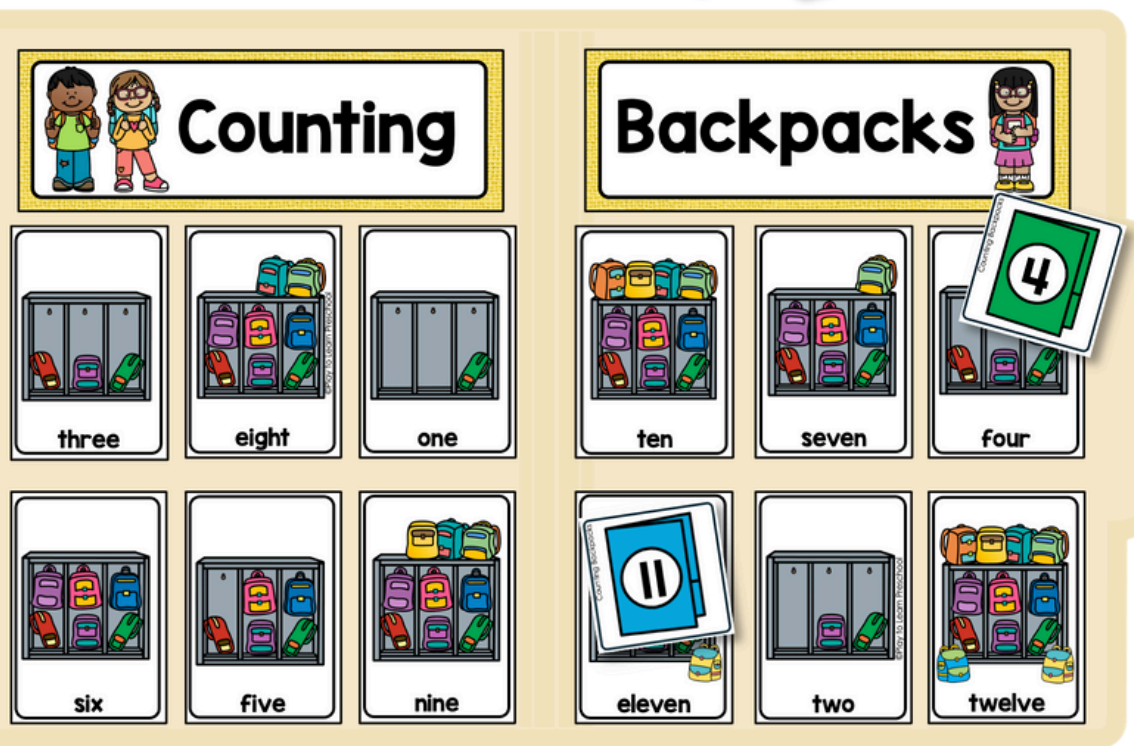


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What's Included:

- School Supplies Counting Puzzles
- Counting Backpacks Folder Game
- School Supplies Counting Mats

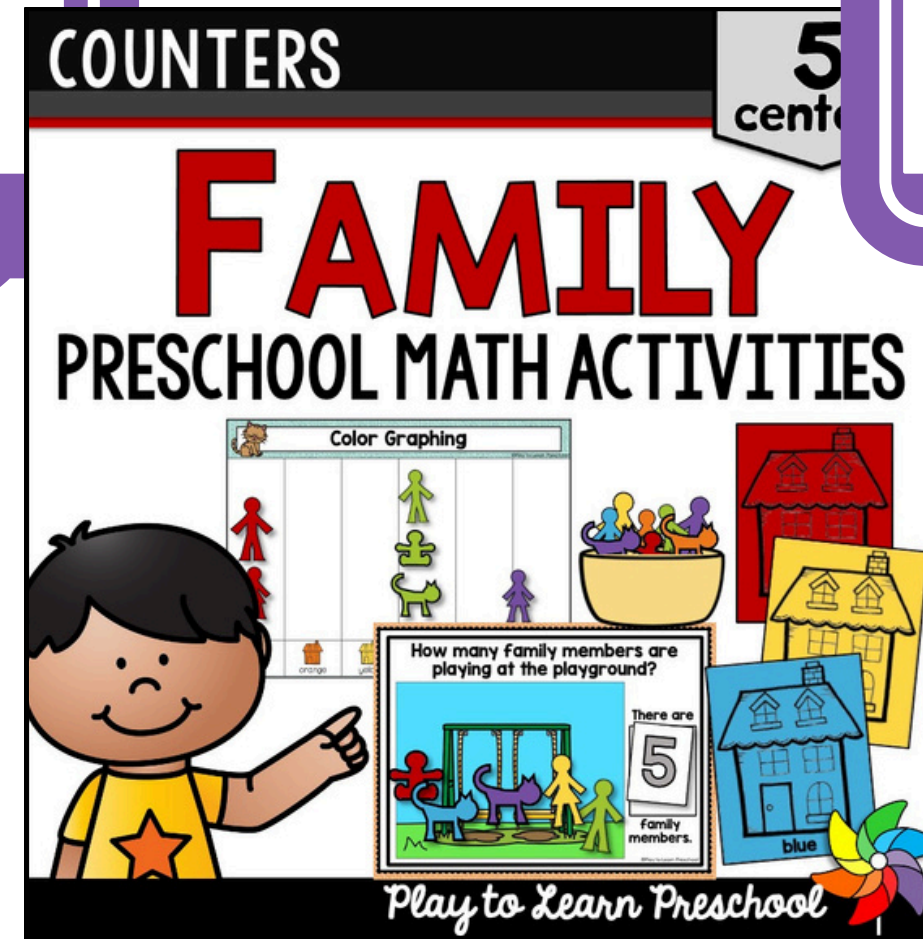
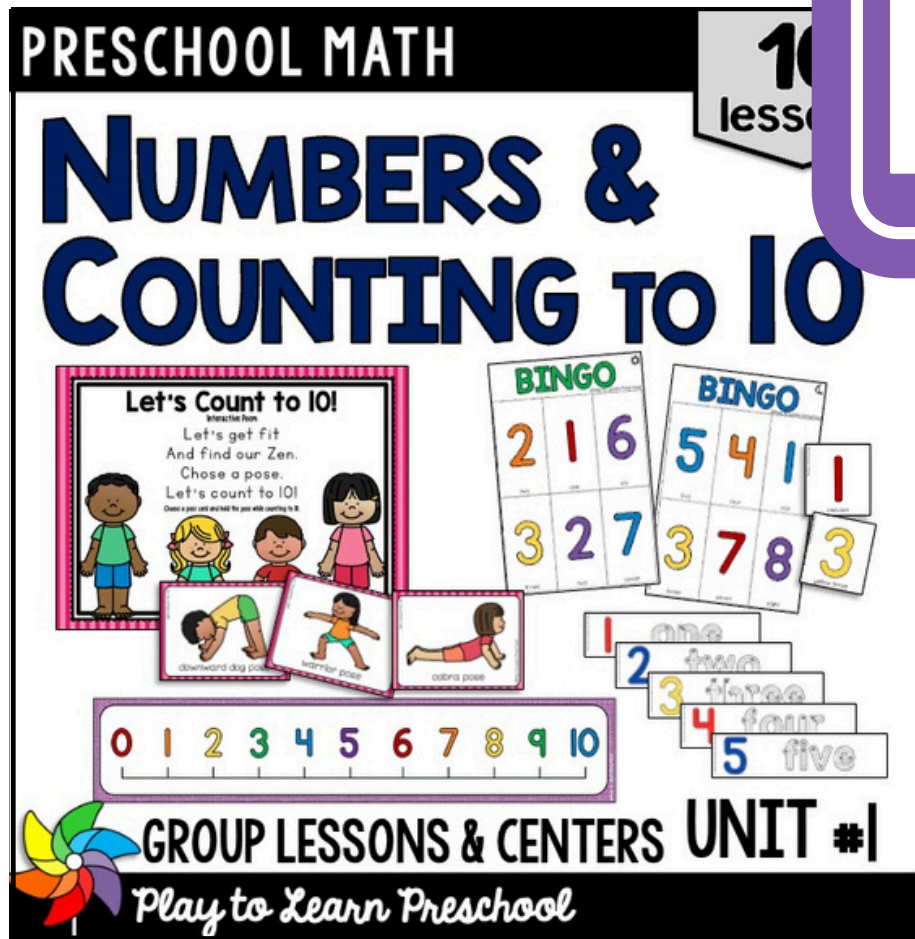


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Meet Jamie

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