

Storytime Activity Guide

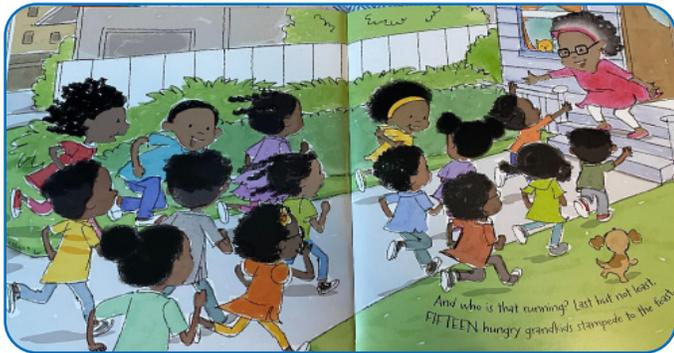
Grandma's Tiny House

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Grandma has a big family! With all the cousins and uncles and aunts and friends and moms and dads, they have really outgrown her tiny house. When grandma's big family all gathers for a delicious family meal, how will they fit inside? Read the book to see what happens when loved ones gather for a feast.

Did you know?

A good foundation in early math prepares children for "math thinking," and for later academic success. Early Math includes number sense, classifications and patterning, measurement, mathematical reasoning, and geometry (shapes). While reading *Grandma's Tiny House*, practice counting together, pointing out numbers in print, and practicing simple addition and subtraction.



Words to Practice

Same
Plus
And
Minus
Equals
Take away

Talk about it!

- Grandma has two pets. Do you know anyone with pets? Help your child name them and keep count.
- Grandma has a big family. How many people are in your family? Help your child name them and keep count.
- Whose family is bigger or smaller? Yours or grandmas? Help your child compare. What differences do you notice?

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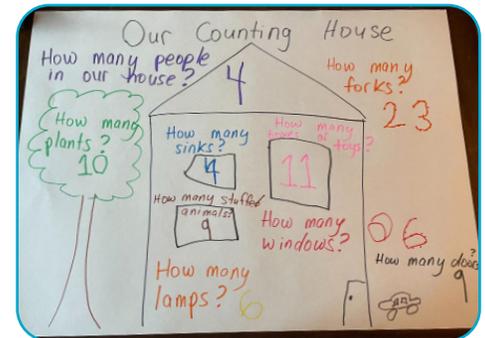
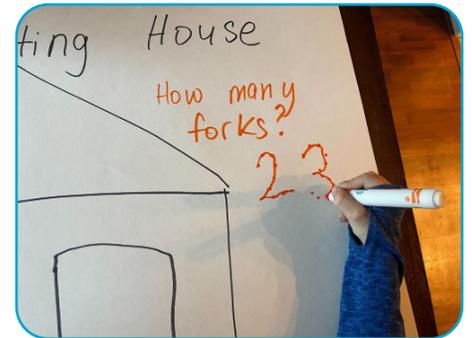
Create!

My Counting House

Materials needed:

- A large sheet of paper
- Markers

1. Draw a large, basic outline of a house on a big piece of paper.
2. Ask your child to add a door, some windows, and any other basic element of a house they'd like to add.
3. Brainstorm with your child to make a list of 5-10 things you can count in your house. For example, you might include people, doors, sinks, beds, or pets on your list.
4. Help your child count each item on your list. Encourage your child to touch each item they count. This will help them develop the knowledge that each number they say, refers to a specific item in a total quantity, a concept known as "1 to 1 cardinality."
5. Then write the things you counted on your big piece of paper. This will help build your child's literacy skills.
6. Ask your child to write as many of the numbers as they can. This will help them develop their fine motor skills and their numeral awareness.



Play: Beginning Word Problems

Use the pictures in the book to begin practicing easy word problems with your child. For example, you could say, "if there is one grandma and two pets on the big easy chair, how many living beings are there?" Help your child count. "One, two, three: one plus two equals three." Or, "There are 7 cool uncles, but how many will there be if two go home?" Remember, your child won't know the "right" answer, but the more you model how to figure it out, the better.

