

Sample Direction Sheet

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1,2,3 Count With Me!

Dear Family,

Your child chose to bring home the 1,2,3 Count With Me Kit this week! The activities in this kit are designed for pleasure and enjoyment by you and your family as you spend time together and to enhance and accelerate your child's acquisition of reading skills. Your child is *not* required to complete all of the activities.

The kit and the following contents need to be returned no later than FRIDAY of this week.

Have fun!

Contents:

Books:

- ✓ 1,2,3 Count With Me
- ✓ Animal Trouble
- ✓ Who's Counting?

Laminated Direction Sheets:

- ✓ Count and Punch (*yellow*)
- ✓ Count With Me (*pink*)

Games:

- ✓ Counting Bags
- ✓ 1,2 Buckle My Shoe picture cards

Miscellaneous Tools:

- ✓ Pencil
- ✓ Hole Punch
- ✓ 1 pair of children's scissors
- ✓ 1 to 10 numeral cards
- ✓ Response Notebook

For the Student to Keep:

- ♥ Count and Punch flower sheet
- ♥ One, Two, Three Count With Me drawing sheet
- ♥ Poem: '1,2 Buckle My Shoe'
- ♥ Cut yarn

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Activities to Try

- Read 1,2,3 Count With Me and then complete the Count With Me activity.
- Make a counting necklace! Follow the directions and use the materials to Count and Punch!
- Help your child read Who's Counting? and then have your child answer the questions in the inside front cover.
- Activities for the Counting Bags:
 1. Read the numeral cards. Without counting, estimate or predict how many items are in each bag. Place the numeral card in front of each bag.
 2. Count how many items are in each bag and place the correct numeral in front of it.
 3. Put the bags in order by how many items are in each bag. (*lowest to highest*)
 4. Using the bag containing 10 items randomly call out a number from 1 to 10. Have your child count out that many objects and lay them on the table. Ask your child to write the number on a piece of paper. Put the objects back in the bag and repeat the activity until all ten numbers have been written.
 5. To make this more challenging, use the bag containing 10 items and randomly call out a number between 1 and 10. Have your child take out that many items and tell you *how many are left in the bag*.
- Read and then sequence the picture cards for '1,2 Buckle My Shoe'.
- Read and discuss Animal Trouble.
- Help your child fill out the Response Notebook. Let your teacher know if you liked this kit. What activity or book did you like best/least? Tell her something you learned from the kit. (*Parents, we need your feedback, too!*)