

Counting Hearts Wands



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Preschoolers
2.5 - 4 years

Get your children into counting hearts with this fun Valentine's Day activity! Not only will your child be working on their fine motor skills but also learning more about numbers and counting while having fun.

Learning Outcomes

Domain:

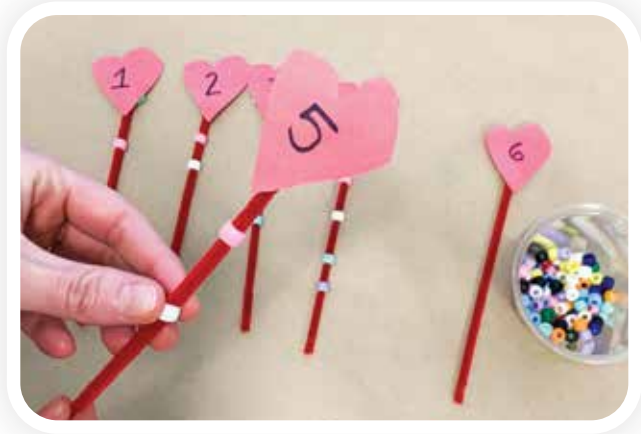
Cognition

Indicator:

Counting in meaningful ways in play and daily living

Skills:

Counting



Materials

- Red paper or card stock
- Black marker
- 4-5 red/pink Pipe cleaners
- Tape
- Beads
- Scissors

Instructions

Step 1: Cut out 4-5 small hearts and write numbers 1 through 5 on them.

Step 2: Tape the hearts to the top of the pipe cleaners.

Step 3: Have a child join you and ask them to match the number by adding the number of beads.



Age Adjustments

For older preschoolers: Try adding different numbers or higher numbers for a challenge. You can also have them race to see who can add the correct number of beads.

For younger toddlers: Start with simple numbers and you may have to hold.



Playful Questions

- How many beads should we put on this pipe cleaner?
- What colors are the pipe cleaners?
- What number do we get if we add these two numbers together?
- How many pipe cleaners can you add to? Why?