

Theme: Seasons

Mathematics-Number sense

Introduce preschool children to the concepts of addition and subtraction through literature, songs, and games. Stories, songs, and games provide a playful way to introduce “adding-to” and “taking-away” operations, and part–whole relationships. Experiences with concrete sets of objects, in particular, can illustrate for children addition and subtraction concepts and enable children to solve simple addition and subtraction problems by counting objects. (*CA Preschool Curriculum Framework, Volume 1, Mathematics-Number Sense, page 255*)

Ask questions that encourage purposeful counting. Use counting to determine quantity and answer a child’s question within context: “I wonder how many petals that flower has? Four, five, six?” To compare two quantities, the parent might ask, “Which bed/couch has more pillows? How many has more/less?” To create a set with a number of objects, the parent could suggest, “the table needs four spoons.” Or to solve addition and subtraction problems, ask “How many spoons do we have altogether? How many are left?” Combine counting with pointing or touching objects to reinforce the concept. To add in the theme of seasons you can talk about what happens outdoors during springtime...the weather changes.....flowers begin to bloom...animals are born...birds began to sing...then follow up with songs that introduce children to counting concepts.

5 Little Kites <https://youtu.be/4JBE0co13AA>

5 Little Ducks https://youtu.be/XECtg0w_YKk

*Five little ducks went out one day
Over the hill and far away
Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack"
But only four little ducks came back*

One, two, three, four

*Four little ducks went out one day
Over the hill and far away
Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack"
But only three little ducks came back*

One, two, three

*Three little ducks went out one day
Over the hill and far away
Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack"
But only two little ducks came back*

One, two

*Two little ducks went out one day
Over the hill and far away
Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack"
But only one little duck came back*

One

One little duck went out one day
Over the hill and far away
Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack"
But none of the...5 little duckies came back.
ZERO

Mother duck said, "QUACK! QUACK! QUACK! QUACK!"
And all of her 5 little duckies came back.

Spring is Here <https://youtu.be/DobrRgD5aOU>

5 Little Speckled Frogs <https://youtu.be/kEJP1myKkUc>

Five Little Speckled Frogs (Hold five fingers (frogs) on top of your
Other arm (log)
Sat on a speckled log
Eating the most delicious bugs. Yum! Yum!
One jumped into the pool (jump a finger off the log into the pool)
Where it was nice and cool
Now there are Four green speckled frogs (Hold up four fingers)

Four Little Speckled Frogs
Sat on a speckled log
Eating the most delicious bugs. Yum! Yum!
One jumped into the pool
Where it was nice and cool
Now there are Three green speckled frogs

Three little speckled frogs
Sat on a speckled log
Eating the most delicious bugs. Yum! Yum!
One jumped into the pool
Where it was nice and cool
Now there are Two green speckled frogs

Two little speckled frogs
Sat on a speckled log
Eating the most delicious bugs. Yum! Yum!
One jumped into the pool
Where it was nice and cool
Now there is one green speckled frog

One little speckled frog
Sat on a speckled log
Eating the most delicious bugs. Yum! Yum!
It jumped into the pool
Where it was nice and cool
Now there is no more speckled frogs.