



Musical Math Chairs

Musical chairs is a great time to model one-to-one correspondence! Set up one chair per child in a large circle, with the seat facing out. Play music, and have children move around until the music stops. When it stops, they have to sit in a chair. Unlike traditional musical chairs, **there should always be a chair for each child** (don't take chairs away).

Or, set up the same number of baskets as there are children playing. Then give each child an item. They have to choose a basket to put it in before the music stops. The goal is to get one item in each basket.

Try to minimize conflict by keeping chairs or baskets far apart and items identical.

More Support: Hold hands and guide children to an open chair or an open basket when the music stops.

Model One-to-One Correspondence

“We have one item in each basket. Let's count and touch each one.”