



## Counting Games

Encourage children to count and explore amounts and operations during everyday routines.

**For example:**

### **Earlier in the year:**

- ◆ While in line, challenge children to count themselves off in order by 1s, 2s, or by 5s.
- ◆ During Meals, encourage children to count the number of a food item they each have as you pass them out (e.g., 1-2-3-4 grapes), or of items on their plate.

### **Later in the year:**

- ◆ During Meals, **count down (take away/subtract)** food as the children eat (e.g., “You have 5 grapes, but now you’re eating one. How many do you have left?”).
- ◆ **Combine groups/amounts:** Count how many children are wearing shoes with laces, shoes without laces, and children wearing shoes altogether.