

COUNTING COINS

Instructions:

1. Parents you and children choose coins to count. Place them on scrap paper. Coins: Ex: Quarters, dimes, nickels, pennies half dollars.
2. Parents assist children with naming the coins as they count them and place them on scrap paper.
3. Children touch each group, one group at a time as you count them (Ex. first count quarters, second count dimes etc.).
4. Parents write tally marks next to the matching coins on scrap paper as children touch and count items. (Alternative) Parents write tally marks in the air as children count coins.
5. Discuss the total of each group that was counted Ex: (12 quarters, 9 dimes etc.).
6. Name and write numbers on scrap paper next to matching coins or write numbers in the air.

Materials:

Scrap Paper
Pencils or Crayons
Coins



Why is this activity important?

Math/Counting: Teaching children math by counting helps children understand and gain number sense. When you count the items in a set, the last number counted tells the size of the set. It allows numbers to be used to compare sets, size, amount and how many.