Dear Families:

Counting and counting knowledge (such as knowing the names of numbers and the correct counting sequence) are an important part of a young child’s everyday life. These skills also form the foundation for later mathematical development.

Counting skills develop into an ability to collect items and then to add collections to one another and so on. It is so easy and important to count with your child. You can count objects with your child or count rhythmically to a song or a beat.

You’ll find many good books and songs about counting⎯and you can make up some counting games of your own. If your child has a set of blocks numbered from 1-10, you can line up the blocks in sequential order and ask your child to bring you one of the numbers. If your child is unable to identify the #4 block, for example, give your child clues such as the color of the block or the block’s location in the number line (between blocks 3 and 5).

Happy counting!