



Number Snake

Write number candies and feed them to a growing paper snake.

Helps Your Child Grow



Counting and Cardinality

Writing numeral “candies” and attaching them as the snake’s body gives your child playful practice forming numbers in sequence.



Fine Motor

Holding a pencil and controlling its movement while writing numbers builds small-muscle strength and hand-eye coordination.

Steps

- If your child knows numerals but is not interested in writing them, make a Number-Munching Snake.
- Prepare long colored paper strips and a paper snake head. Say, “The snake is hungry for number candy.”
- Write numerals such as 1 and 3 on separate strips. Pretend the snake eats each one, then attach the strip behind its head to lengthen the body.
- After two pieces, say, “The snake wants number 2, but I can’t find it.” Invite your child to write 2 on a new strip.
- Ask which number candy should come next and let your child create more pieces.
- If they do not want to write yet, let them feed the existing numbers, then have the hungry snake request another numeral when interest returns.

Tips

- If your child can comfortably write 1 through 10, extend the challenge to 11 through 20: “The number snake is extra hungry today. It wants more number treats!”
- If a number is unfamiliar, write it once as a model and invite your child to copy it. Let them make extra cards for numbers they especially enjoy writing.

Observations

- Writes a number from 1 to 10 on each paper strip
- Attaches each new strip after the previous one to make a chain