Counting

Materials

3 black gingerbread men
8 brown gingerbread men

Objective

The objective of this activity is for the children to count using a physical item. The gingerbread men are large enough for the children to visually see the item that they are counting. For example, if the child would like to pull out 3 gingerbread men, he would get this activity bag and only pull out 3 items. There are 11 gingerbread men, perhaps the children can start to count small amounts. Perhaps the teacher can say, "please hold up 2 gingerbread men"

Purpose

The purpose for this exercise is to have the children introduced to counting. In our every day lives, there are denominations of items. We can count pretty much anything such as we have 2 eyes, 2 legs, 1 nose, 10 fingers, 1 tongue etc. Children do notice that we are counting, but I would like to show them what the physically number looks like.

Assessment

One way to assess how much a child knows about numbers is to ask questions to see were they are at in the issue of counting. In my class, we count how many girls and boys we have for the day. We count together or I sometimes ask , "who can tell me how many girls are in class today?" Once we complete this activity a few times, I can note the progress of each individual. I would be able to gradually notice any change in their counting .