

5 Stacking
Boxes

5 Board
Books

Counting 1-10 Parent Guide

Learning
BLOCKS
AND
BOOKS



Benefits

- When you use these stacking blocks and books with your child, age 2 and older, you encourage reading, writing, and learning early concepts.
- Children love stacking and nesting blocks. The play and matching element of this learning set engages children and holds their attention, as well as promotes fine motor skills.
- This set teaches number concepts, including rote counting, adding and subtracting as well as other skills like labeling objects, rhyming, attention to details, visual figure ground, listening skills and size concepts.
- Encourage and enjoy your child's sense of discovery. When you playfully assist in your child's learning, education is fun—a lesson that lasts a lifetime!

Activities

- Help your child stack the blocks, matching one side together to complete the sequence and/or image. Repeat this with each side of the blocks to help your child understand that you can read numbers from top to bottom or left to right. There are four vertical block combinations, and one horizontal.
- Read each book together, pointing to words as you sound them out and pointing to the image that represents the word. Explain that pictures represent objects, and so do words!
- Use the book's text to prompt your child to count the objects on each page. For example: "Look and find: 2 raccoons."
- Try counting objects in your home: forks when setting the table, socks when sorting laundry. Then find the block with the actual number that represents the counting your child just did.
- Count actions with your child, such as when going up and down stairs, or jumping.
- Try drawing numbers together with crayon, pencil, paint, or in the sand.

Helpful Hints

- Speak slowly and clearly with an animated voice to keep your child's interest and attention.
- Be sure to turn off the television and radio during learning and playtime so that your child can concentrate on your voice and the activity you are doing together.
- Always follow your child's lead. A child will lose interest when a skill is much too difficult. For example, if writing a number is too tricky for a young child, encourage him or her to name the pictures or find a number that you name from a small group of numbers. Don't show frustration in educational play but slow down and/or try an easier task to maintain your child's willingness to participate in educational games.
- Your patience and enthusiasm encourage the same behavior and positive attitude in your child, building a love of learning from early on.
- Repetition helps children learn.

Children will love
to stack and nest
the 5 blocks!

