



Creative Calendar

Learning numbers with a calendar

Beginner: Create a calendar with your child. Talk about how many days there are in different months (ie. Jan., Mar., May, Jul., Aug., Oct., and Dec. all have 31 days). Fill in the dates and count out loud as you go. Write down important days such as birthdays, special activities, holidays, or trips, and count how many days until the next event!

[Tip]: Make a countdown for important days!

Intermediate: Create a calendar with your child. Talk about how many days there are in different months (ie. Jan., Mar., May, Jul., Aug., Oct., and Dec. all have 31 days). Have the child fill in the dates and count out loud as they go. Write down important days such as birthdays, special activities, holidays, or trips.

[Tip]: Assist as needed! Have your child count down each day until the next event.

Experienced: Have your child create a calendar, filling in the dates and counting out loud as they go. Encourage them to write down important days such as birthdays, special activities, holidays, or trips, and have them count how many days until the next event!

[Tip]: Ask questions about their calendar and encourage them to count. For example, “how many holidays do we have this month?”, “how many school days do you have this month?”, or “how many days until Friday the 23rd?”.

Why is this important? Learning calendar numbers can help children to develop math skills that are beneficial later on.

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