



Numbers at the Rink

Hockey Counts!

Beginner: Point out all the different numbers around you!

[Tip]: Talk about 0, time clock, goals scored, jersey numbers, ticket price.

Intermediate: Identify largest/smallest numbers, odd/even numbers on jerseys.

[Tip]: How many numbers do you know? Write the numbers on paper in order of size.

Experienced: Expose children to hockey stats on hockey cards or in hockey pools.

[Tip]: Use a data spreadsheet or graph to manage data. Sort/categorize sets of trading cards..

Why is this important? Number learning is supported in familiar settings and is enhanced when related to children's interests.

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