Activity 1: Counting to 20 by 2's
Materials Needed:

- Any objects around the house that can be counted-toys, beans, crackers, rocks.

Task Instructions:
Introduce students to the routine of counting collections-count different collections of objects in the home. This can be done with any similar objects such as toy animals, cars, stuffies, spoons. It can be done outdoors with rocks, pine cones, sticks, or leaves. Engage children in counting up to 20...extend to 100 or higher after they perfect 20. This should be repeated many times with a variety of items. Grade 1 students can be encouraged to line up and count their objects by 2 's.

Ask questions after the child has counted:
-How many did you have?
-Did you get the same number if you count again?
-Does counting by 2's make it easier? Faster?
-How much is two more or two less?

PARENT TIP: Get deeper background on this task here:
http://www.meaningfulmathmoments.com/counting-collections.html

