

Numeracy Gr K Nov 2

Activity 1: Mouse Count

Materials Needed:

- Borrow the book *Mouse Count* by Ellen Stohl Walsh or look at the read-aloud [here](#); 10 items for counting (such as beans or rocks) and a cup or bowl to put them in; paper and pencil, a dice.

Task Instructions:

1. Read or listen to the book *Mouse Count*. As you read or listen along, count out some beans to represent the mice each time. Put them in a cup or container when the snake does.
2. After acting out the whole story, use your counters, container and dice to do the following. Roll the dice. Place that many dice in the container. Now write a number sentence to describe what has happened. For example, if I roll a 4 write:

$$4 + 6 = 10$$

4 in the container + 6 out of the container makes a total of 10.

Continue doing this until your piece of paper is full.

Make it easier: If your student is having a hard time doing this, start with 5 mice and do the number sentences.

Extension: If this your child can do this easily, increase the number of mice to 11, then 12...up to 20.

