

Parents Instructions-Numbers Memory Game

Materials: A box or basket
11 slips of paper folded in half, each has a numeral of those from 0 – 10
Optional: 11 small containers – each will hold one of the written numerals
Optional: A tray to bring more than 5 objects and cannot easily carry them in one hand.
Large rug

Purposes: To develop the power of memory for quantities and symbols
To reinforce the concept of zero which is related to the development of self-control (will)

Steps:

1. Have each member of the family, including your child to take a pouch and don't open it. Give them the instructions: "You will open it, see the numeral that is inside, which is a secret, remember it, put it back and close your pouch. You will go and get that many number of objects that I will ask you for".
2. Go around and tell to each one: "Get that many of anything around the house (letters, toys, animals, balls, Legos, cars, pencils, crayons, socks...).
3. Make a point with the person that took the zero: "Are you going to play, why you are still sitting? Give the zero a little extra attention.
4. When everyone is back with objects, go around, and have each one count what he brought and reveal the numeral.
5. Slips go back in the pouches, and the pouches go back in the box or basket.
6. Ask each one to put the objects back to their places.

Note: The child himself should notice when the numeral on the slip doesn't correspond to the number of objects he brought, don't correct him.

Variation of Numbers Memory Game at Home

Prepare the slips of paper, fold them and mix them in a basket or box. Have the child choose one, hide it under the rug or place it facing down; go get that quantity of objects; ask to count; and check the slip. Continue doing as much as he wants.

Links for Parents:

- Memory Game of Numbers at Home
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p1MgnDT9xBI>
- Montessori Mathematics
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wKSRCeyR5Ck>
- Practicing Math Facts the Fun Way Games with Cards
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XvjE9-QaMNM>