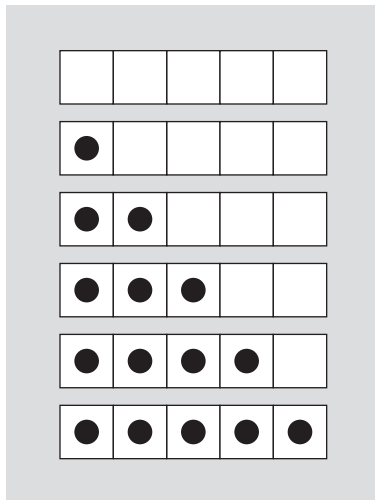


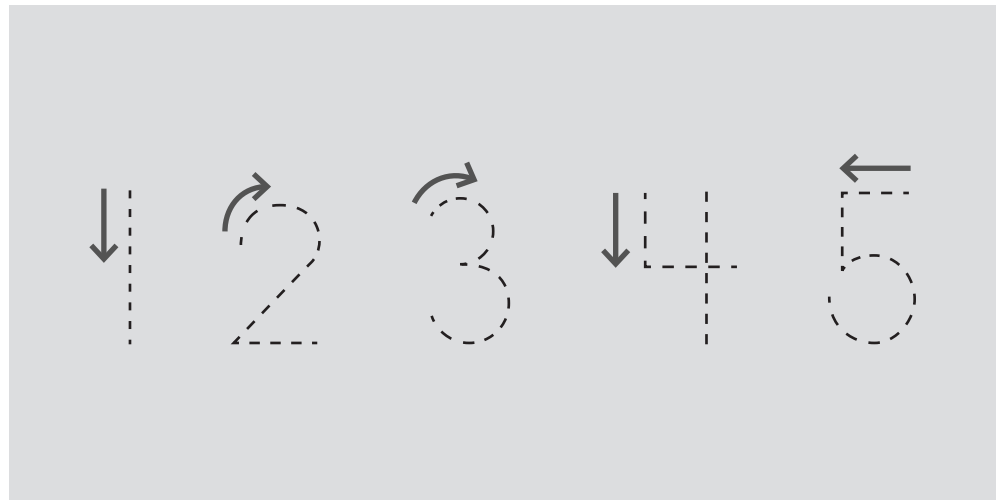
Home Connection

In Chapter 2, your child will explore numbers to 5. As your child progresses developmentally, her knowledge of what a number is will shift from reciting number words to understanding that numbers tell the count of items. Your child will also learn to represent these numbers with objects in groups or on a five-frame, recognize the numerals, and write numerals in this chapter.

Five Frame



Numeral Writing



What can we do at home?

- Ask your child to count objects by touching and moving the object from the uncounted group to the counted group while reciting the corresponding numbers.
- Play board games that involve rolling a die. Encourage your child to recall the number of pips on the die without having to count them with each roll.
- Use Play Dough or salt dough (see recipe below) to build numerals. Squeezing, pinching and rolling dough will help develop the fine muscles that are needed for hand-writing.
- Use the guide above to help your child write the numerals 0 to 5
 - Practice writing numbers in shaving cream, pudding, sand, or coffee grounds.
 - To encourage an appropriate grip on the pencil or crayon, break your crayons in half or use pencils that have been sharpened down to less than a couple of inches.

Simple Salt Dough

- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1 cup water

Mix flour and salt in a large mixing bowl. Gradually mix in water until the dough is no longer sticky. Knead the dough until smooth. Store in an airtight container for up to a week.

For a fun twist, add a packet of grape flavored drink mix (without sugar). The dough will be purple and will smell of grapes! Try other flavors too.