

SKIP COUNTING BY TWO, UP AND DOWN THE FLOWER STEMS



Once children learn the names of the numerals 1 - 10 and the concept that numbers are linear (1, 2, 3...), they can have fun with the concept of skip counting. Since movement and learning often go hand and hand, this jumping game helps to reinforce what it means to skip count.

Need:

- colored chalk
- a safe spot such as a patio or sidewalk
- a grown up to make the chalk squares and label every other one

Note: the numerals heading down the stalk are written so that children can see them correctly as they jump in the opposite direction. The leaves and flowers can be added at any time with the help of children.

Playing the game:

- Point out that you're not going to say number one because this is skip counting by two's.
- Child begins by standing behind the first square and then jumps over the first square landing on the square labeled 2—say two.
- Child jumps over the next square landing on 4, say four, continue with skip counting until the end. Have fun!

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