



## ***THE COUNTING TEDDY CHART***

**Age Group:** 4-5

**Purpose:** To help the children practice *rote* counting on a daily basis

While having a visual image of the numbers 1-100

**Materials:** A large sheet of cardboard divided into 10 rows of 10 squares each. Write a number in each box (preferably on teddy bear stickers), beginning with 1 and ending with 100.

**Procedure:** As your child practice rote counting, point to each number as they say it so that they are also becoming familiar with the visual image of that number. Start with only the numbers in the first row, 1-10, and be sure these numbers are familiar before moving on to the “teen” numbers. Every once in a while, skip a number or two to make sure they are actually looking at where you are pointing and make sure they verbalize the number you are pointing to, correctly.

**Variation:** Eventually, you will be able to use this same chart to teach the children to rote count by 5s and by 10s in a very short period of time. The key is to be consistent and make this type of counting as a part of your routine “warm up” for the day. Keep this type of routine to five minutes or less.