



Timothy Tiger's Teaching Tips!

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For all those who use Zoo-phonics, start doing some Zoo math as well! Here are some fun rhymes to help teach PreK's and K's counting skills. Children are to Signal as many times as the rhymes says.

Here's an example:

***Ellie Elephant feels so alive
As she lifts her trunk and trumpets to five.**

Now, cut out five (5) ellie elephants and glue them to colorful construction paper. Add the word "five" and the number "5." Glue the rhyme to the bottom of this and hang it on the wall next to deede deer (and allie, bubba and catina cat). Children can visit their animal friends for math reinforcement during the day. You can also make a wonderful counting book with this as well. Children can memorize this rhyme and teach their parents. Don't forget to Signal!

a - z Zoo Math Rhymes

Allie's smile is like the sun,
Open and close, and count to one.

Bubba Bear hears bees, do you?
Reach to the hive and count to two.

Catina Cat sips her tea.
Clean her whiskers and count to three.

Deedee Deer learns more and more.
Move her ears and count to four.

Ellie Elephant feels so alive
As she lifts her trunk and trumpets to five.

Francie Fish swims and kicks,
Swishes her fins and counts to six.

Gordo's bananas are stacked to heaven,
Peel them now and count to seven.

Honey Horse runs to the gate,
Count her steps, they are eight.

Inny's your favorite, he's also mine,
Wiggle your finger and count to nine.

Jerry lives in a watery den,
Use your tentacles and count to ten.

Kayo Kangaroo kicks to seven.
Add four more and you have eleven.

Lizzy likes to dig and delve,
Eat some flies and count to twelve.

Missy Mouse is seldom seen,
Nibble some cheese and say, "thirteen!"

Nigel Nightowl is never mean.
Make big owl eyes, and count to fourteen.

Counting pretty fish, Olive is in between,
Swimming happily, she shouts, " there are fifteen!"

Peewee Penguin, his feathers he preens,
Waddle like he does and count to sixteen.

Queeny Quail, her babies she preens,
Count their topknots, there are seventeen.

Robby's paws are sparkling clean,
Hippity Hop and count to eighteen.

Sammy Snake with scales that sheen,
Slithers and slides up to nineteen.

Timothy Tiger with muscles a-plenty
Flex your muscles and count to twenty.

Umber Umbrella Bird flies to the sun
Holds his umbrella to the count of twenty-one.

Vincent Vampire Bat is never blue,
He flaps his wings and counts, "twenty-two."

Willie Weasel runs behind a tree.
Run in place to the count of twenty-three.

Xavier Fox puts his box on the floor,
Count his sox, there are twenty-four.

With Yancy Yak the phone comes alive,
Count his calls, there are twenty-five.

Zeke the Zebra his zipper he does fix,
Count his snores, there are twenty-six.