## Welcome!

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# From Counting to Counting On 

Fostering the Development of Early Addition \& Subtraction

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## Stages of Early Counting: Research

- Les Steffe, UGA, I980s
- Identifies stages of counting that children progress through as they come to understand the operations of addition and subtraction
- Related to Piaget's theory of cognitive development


# Stages of Early Counting: Making Sense with Concrete Collections 

- Emergent

Student is unable to accurately count a collection

- Perceptual

Student can count visible collections, but not collections that are covered up

- Figurative

Student can count covered collections, but always "counts everything" (always starts counting from one)

- Counting On /Counting Back

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- One-to-one correspondence
- Keeping track
- One total for two distinct collections
- Cardinality:

The answer to "How many?" can be a single number word (" 5 ")

- Progresses from concrete to abstract: visible collections $\rightarrow$ concealed collections


## Features of Early Counting

■ Knows number sequences (verbal)
■ Uses one-to-one correspondence
■ Monitors items as they are counted

Perceptual
Counting:
Students are counting things they can see

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# Stages of Early Counting: Emergent Counting 



## Counting Collections



How many counters are there?

How many counters are there?

Can you get me 12 counters?

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Materials:
construction paper
pipe cleaner
masking tape counters

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## Domino Addition

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How many dots do you see?

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How many dots do you see?
How many dots are under the door?

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How many dots are under the door?
How many dots do we have all together?

Variations: Conceal only the second card / Conceal both cards

# Stages of Early Counting: Figurative Counting 

- Progressing from concrete to abstract:
~ counts collections that are covered up
~ always counts from one (counts everything)




## Addition Spinners



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How many counters are there all together?

## Hide \& Add



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How much is 7 and 4 more?

## Hide \& Add



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How much is 9 and 5 more?

## Features of Early Counting: Counting On

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## Stages of Early Counting: Where are they in the CCSSM?

■ The standards address perceptual counting in detail

- The standards emphasize solving a variety of problem types (combine, separate, compare, missing addend, missing subtrahend)
- Less attention is given to the stages between perceptual counting and solving bare number tasks
- Awareness of the stages is important in making decisions about instruction \& support for young students

What materials will I use? Will I conceal the materials?
Is it time to begin to connect materials to symbolic notation?

## Stages of Early Counting: Kinder CCSSM

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K.CC. 4

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b) Understand that the last number said tells the number of items counted, the number of items is the same regardless of arrangement or order in which they are counted.
K.CC. 5

Count to answer "how many?" questions about up to 20 things; given a number from I-20, count out that many objects.

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Understand subtraction as taking apart \& taking from
K.OA.I

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## Stages of Early Counting: Mathematizing in Kinder

- Allow time for students to become robust perceptual counters
- Count collections that are becoming smaller (remember to practice backwards counting sequences)

■ Consider how to advance student thinking as students become robust perceptual counters

- Introduce the idea of counting collections that are covered up


## Stages of Early Counting: Ist Grade CCSSM

Represent and solve problems involving addition and subtraction.

## I.OA.I

Use addition and subtraction within 20 to solve word problems involving situations of adding to, taking from, putting together, taking apart, and comparing, with unknowns in all positions, e.g., by using objects, drawings, and equations with a symbol for the unknown number to represent the problem

## I.OA. 2

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## Stages of Early Counting: Mathematizing in Ist Grade

■ Consider how to advance student thinking: How will figurative students develop a counting on strategy? How will your students make sense of symbolic notation (equations)?

■ Present two collections that are covered up: How many are there in all?

- Put a small number of counters in the second collection (students are more likely to realize they can "count on" when there are only one or two more counters to add)
- Once students develop a counting on strategy to add collections, begin to present tasks that involve removing counters (subtraction)
- Introduce symbolic notation once students have robust counting on / counting back strategies to solve addition \& subtractions tasks with counters


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