ARTHUR COUNTS!

This Arthur the Aardvark book has a surprise on every page as your little person goes through this counting book.

Author and Illustrator: Marc Brown Ages: Infant to Toddler Pages: 20

Themes: Counting Finger Dexterity

This chunky board book is especially designed for smaller hands. As you go through each page and talk about each number, have your child identify what the flap is (lunch box, mitten) and see if they can name what the hidden object is. By having your child open the flaps, they're developing their finger dexterity. There is a number on the left side of each set of pages with that number of circles drawn below. Have your child count along with you as you point to the circles.

A fun project to help your child understand counting would be to draw five cloud shapes on a piece of paper and write the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 on each cloud shape. Use cotton balls and have your child glue the appropriate number of balls on each cloud. (Make sure that your clouds are at least 2" x 5" so that the cotton balls will fit inside the shape.) This will give your child the opportunity to actually see how many one looks like, two looks like, etc.. If you don't have cotton balls, roll a piece of tissue or paper towel into a ball shape.