

# Lesson 22: Counting

“So what can you count in your community? I can count on you and you can count on me!” —Innosanto Nagara

Social Justice Standard: Diversity 7

## Summary

Counting is a basic and fundamental skill that every child interacts with from an early age. Counting is fun, so why not add some diverse literature to an already connective activity! This lesson provides resources to learn counting while also providing opportunities for rich conversation about our similarities and differences.

## Booklist

- *Feast for 10* by Cathryn Falwell
- *One Family* by George Shannon, illustrated by Blanca Gomez
- *We All Count: A Book of Cree Numbers* by Julie Flett
- *One is a Drummer: A Book of Numbers* by Roseanne Thong, illustrated by Grace Lin
- *Counting on Community* by Innosanto Nagara

## Consider This

- When or in what circumstance do you use counting the most in your life?
- Do you think you count every day?
- Do you use your fingers to count? What other ways do you keep track of your counting?

## Talk Together

- How high can you count?
- Can you count by numbers other than 1?
- Do you count every day? What activities and games do you do that use counting?

## *Engage*

- Practice counting in different languages. You can easily search online for numbers 1 to 10—or beyond!—in various languages. Discuss how the sounds are different but the number values are the same.

## *Explore More*

- Reading Eggs' "5 Fun Counting Activities to Try at Home"
- Knowing & Growing's YouTube video "Learn Counting & Numbers with Nature — for babies, toddlers, infants & preschoolers"