

## **Math is Fun!**

Your child has learned to count to 10 and to recognize the numerals 0 to 10. In this chapter, your child will use those skills in learning the ordinal numbers “first,” “second,” “third,” “fourth,” and “fifth.” The children will be learning that the order in which people or objects are facing in a line determines their position in the line. We will be doing lots of marching and racing to work on this concept.

## **What can we do at home?**

- Have your child order toys according to size, all facing in the same direction. Then ask your child which toy is first in line from the front, second from the front, etc.
- Have your child stack some items on top of each other and ask your child which item is third from the top, second from the bottom, etc.
- Talk about sports teams and Olympic athletes. Which tennis player came in first, etc., in the tournament?
- Help your child discriminate between left and right.
- Read *Ten Little Caterpillars* by Bill Martin, Jr. to your child. Emphasize all of the ordinal numbers in the story.
- Talk about math with your child as often as you talk about literacy. Talk about when you use math in real life.

## **Vocabulary & Mathematical Terms**

- Order
- First
- Second
- Third
- Fourth
- Fifth
- Starting point
- Top
- Bottom
- Left
- Right