

## Home Link Help: Number Lines

Grade 1, Home Link 1-13, 2-4

**Number lines** are a tool children can use to identify, count, and order numbers. A number line provides visual and tactile support for developing number sense about the order of numbers. As children see the numbers in order and use their fingers to trace numbers as they solve problems, children can more easily develop a sense of the order, size, and relations of numbers.

### Home Link Tips

- To help your child identify the number that comes before another number, draw a number line or use the one on this page.
- Have your child place a finger on the number in the problem, and then slide the finger over to the number before.
- Have your child say the number and record it on the Home Link.

### Extra Practice Ideas

Draw a number line or use the one on this page.

- Name a number on the number line and have your child identify the number that comes before the number you named.
- Cover up a number on the number line. Ask your child what number is covered. Ask the child what number comes before the covered number.
- Have your child cover a number and you tell which number comes before the covered number. Have your child tell you if you are correct after looking at the covered number.

