

*Use with Ready Instruction Lesson 9*

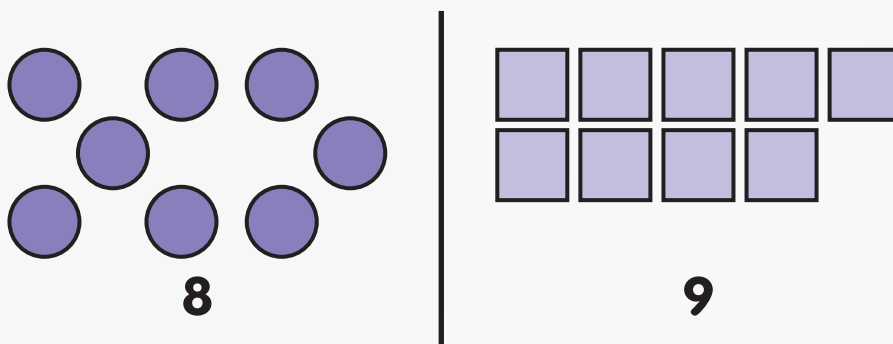
Dear Family,

**This week your child is building counting skills with the numbers 8 and 9.**



The lesson includes practice with counting 8 and 9 objects. Strategies for keeping track of what has been counted remain important, especially when counting these larger groups. For example, touching or pointing to each object or object in a picture or marking each object as it is counted are ways to ensure that no items have been missed.

Building on earlier lessons, your child will also explore how 8 and 9 relate to other numbers. For example, pictures show how 8 and 9 visually relate to 5 and 10. This will help prepare for later work with greater numbers.



Your child will practice writing the numbers 8 and 9 and continue to practice counting groups of 1 to 7 objects so that each new number can be related to those already learned.

Invite your child to share what he or she knows about counting up to 9 by doing the following activity together.



### Counting 8 and 9 Activity

**Materials:** 18 index cards (or pieces of paper), pencils or crayons, small stickers (optional)

To review counting and writing the numbers 1 through 9, help your child make the cards described below and then use them to play a matching game.

- Have your child make number cards by writing the numbers 1 to 9 on index cards (or pieces of paper). Use crayon or pencil so the numbers do not show through the backs of the cards.
- Show your child how to make object cards by placing 1 to 9 stickers or drawing 1 to 9 small pictures on the rest of the cards.
- When finished, place the number cards facedown in a row and the object cards facedown in another row.
- The first player turns over one card from each row. If the number card and the object card are a match (such as a card with the number 8 and a card with 8 stickers or pictures), the player keeps both cards. If they are not a match, the player turns the cards facedown again.
- The next player turns over two cards to try to find a match. Play until all the matches have been found.

