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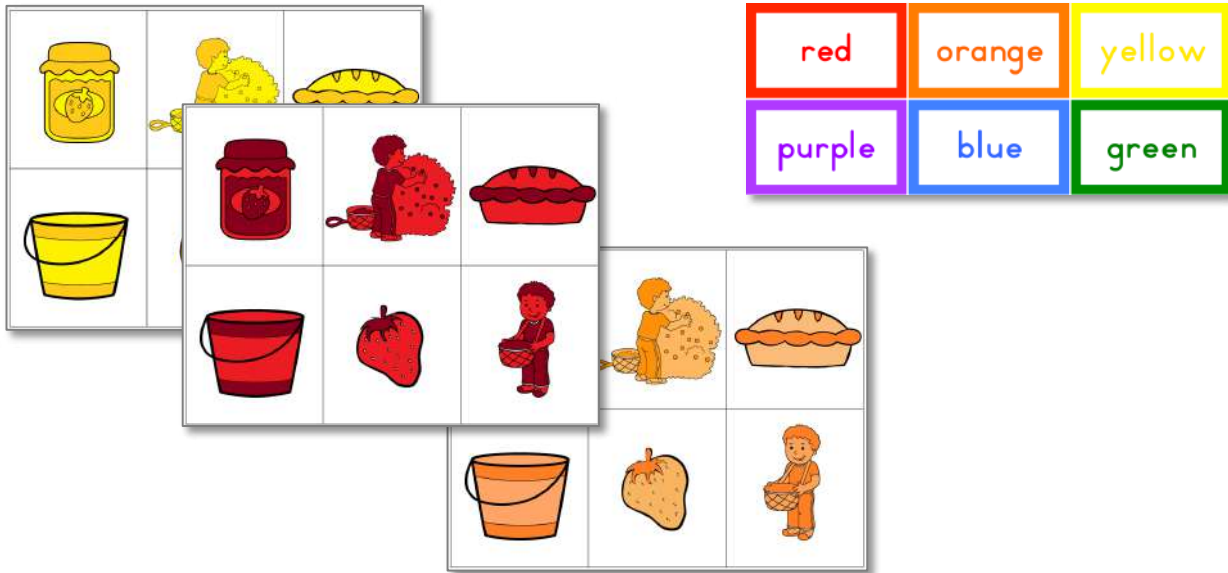
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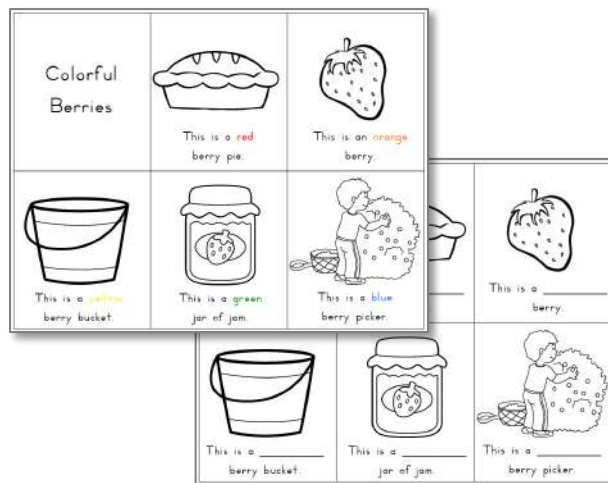
PREVIEW Activity 1:

Sorting by Color

Skill: Visual Discrimination



Two options for printing are included. Print the colored cards, cut, and laminate. Or use the ink-saver option to print on colored paper, cut, and laminate (photo below is from the January Pack).



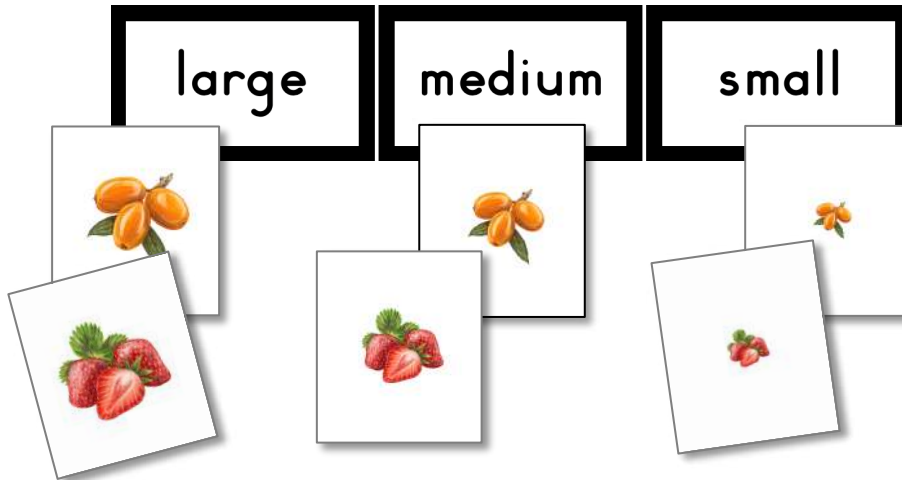
Sort by color on felt mats, or in rows/columns. Use the color labels to teach color words. If you have access to the Montessori Color Box 2, the children can look for the matching color tablets. If not, you can pick up some paint swatches and use those for matching.

Extension: Make a little emergent reader booklet by coloring and cutting out the pictures.

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Activity 2: Sorting by Size

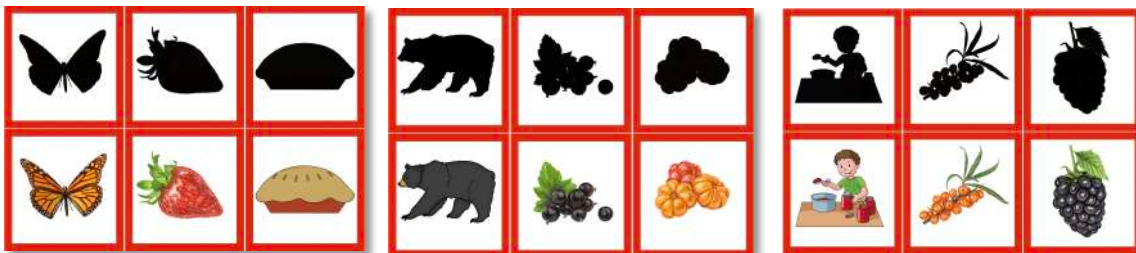
Skill: Visual Discrimination



Print and cut out the cards. Sort into three columns by size. You may want to use three felt mats instead of columns. Two sets of labels are provided: Large-Medium-Small, Big-Medium-Little

Activity 3: Shadow Matching

Skill: Visual Discrimination



This is a simple matching activity. I like to use this activity to emphasize the layout procedure, focusing on left to right and top to bottom formatting. Cut out the cards and separate into two sets. You may want to place a color-coding dot on the back so the children can put them back into the separate sets once they are done. Place one set of cards in a line along the top of a rug or table, starting from the left. Pick up a random card from the other set and place below the first card on the rug. Does it match? If yes, leave it there. If not, slide it to the right, below the next card. Does it match? Continue on. The process of lining up the cards and sliding from left to right helps prepare the child for later reading activities.

PREVIEW Activity 4: Following Directions

Skill: Oral Language Development



This is a great game to help children with comprehension and following a sequence of steps. This set has three levels of difficulty- ranging from 1-step directions to 3-step directions.

Activity 5: The Question Game

Skill: Oral Language Development



Print and cut the cards. Place all question cards together, face down. Line up the picture cards so they are all visible. Name all the pictures and talk about them together. Next, draw a question card and let the children use the clues to identify the correct picture.

PREVIEW Activity 6:

Category Sorting

Skill: Concept Development



Print and cut. Sort onto the correct mats.

Activity 7:

Where is the Berry? Prepositions

Skill: Concept Development



Print and cut. Line up the picture cards along the bottom of the rug or table, or distribute among a group of children. Read one of the labels. Child finds the correct picture card to go with the label. Put picture and label at the top of the rug or table.

PREVIEW Activity 8:

Counting Clip Cards

Skill: Counting and Number Recognition



Print and cut the cards. Use clothespins to clip the correct number. The numbers printed on each card are consecutive numbers for the most part to provide a little bit of challenge. Place a color-coding dot on the back, just behind the correct number, for self checking. You may want to make this a write-and-wipe activity by sliding each sheet into a sheet protector and have the child circle the correct number with a dry-erase or washable marker.

Activity 9:

Number Cards

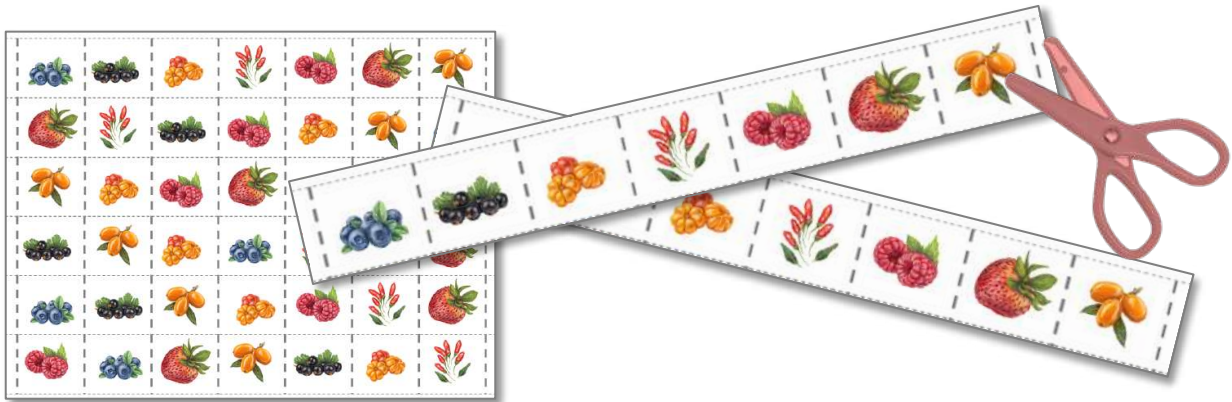
Skill: Counting and Number Recognition



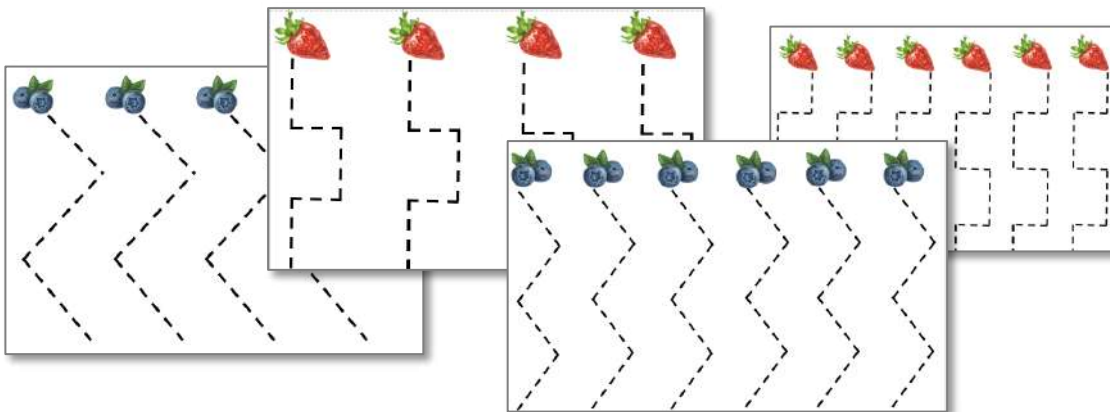
These 0-10 number cards can be used for a variety of counting activities. Blank cards have also been provided if you would like to make your own cards. These are great for calendar numbers too! Instructions for the Montessori Numbers and Counters Activity can be found here: <http://youtu.be/qvFuUwvFf9Y>

PREVIEW Activity 10: Cutting

Skill: Fine Motor



Cutting strips: Prepare by cutting into strips. Show child how to cut on the dashed lines. This is a beginning cutting activity and is good for students who are just learning how to handle scissors. The child will be motivated to avoid cutting up the picture and will attempt to stay on the line. The lines are short and do not require multiple cuts. (Tip: an introductory cutting exercise is to provide strips of colored construction paper with no lines for the child to cut). The child may then wish to glue the pictures onto a piece of paper to make a collage.



Cutting Lines: 4 different types of lines are provided: straight, curvy, zigzags, and blocks. Each type has two difficulty levels. These can easily be printed in grayscale on colored paper to save on ink.



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