

Recommended Activities for “Where’s the Muffin?”



Counting Fun with Muffin Tins

Insert cup liners in a muffin tin, with each cup showing a quantity indicated by small black dots from 1-5. Encourage your little mathematicians to place the correct number of pebbles or pennies in each segment. This game develops the skills of quantification and part-whole relationships. <https://tinyurl.com/teacherstartermuffintins>

Classification Fun with Muffin Tins

Insert cup liners in a muffin tin. Provide a collection of buttons, pennies, pebbles, or differently colored small pom poms for sorting. This active game will enhance your mathematicians’ skills in classification, comparison, and part-whole relationships. <https://tinyurl.com/teacherstartermuffintins>



Mini Garden Beds/Seed Starters

Pierce holes into the bottom of each segment of a disposable muffin tin. Assist your mini botanists in filing the segments with potting soil and fast-growing seeds, such as lettuce and radishes. This activity expands young children’s concepts in botany, agriculture, and physical knowledge (change). <https://tinyurl.com/sadiseasonmuffinpans>

Muffin BINGO Game

Young children enjoy BINGO games! Design a similar Muffin BINGO game using generic bingo templates and simple cartoon images available on the Internet. Your little learners will build math concepts in one-to-one correspondence, pattern, left-right orientation, and part-whole relationships. Source: Sheila Kerwin



Favorite Muffin Vote

Young children enjoy sharing their personal preferences with peers and friends. Take a vote with your group on their favorite muffin and note the results on a chart. Voting is an excellent way to strengthen children’s math skills in quantification, classification, comparison, and pattern. It also builds a foundation for perspective-taking and later experiences in civics! Source: Sheila Kerwin