Play to Learn

Feed the Caterpillar

What?

Using egg cartons or paper towel rolls, create a caterpillar math game. Children will have the opportunity to practice counting and numbers while they "feed" the caterpillar.

How?

- read a book or tell a story about caterpillars (here's Miss Julie reading "Ten Little Caterpillars" by Bill martin Jr. - [https://youtu.be/GA3lQwhyNpM](https://youtu.be/GA3lQwhyNpM))
- provide an opportunity for children to collect items for creating caterpillars (talk together - "What do we need? What colours should we use?")
- paint, colour and decorate the caterpillars (you can use pipe cleaners or twist ties for antennae)
- when the caterpillar is dry use a die and play “Feed the Caterpillar” (if you roll a 3, feed the caterpillar 3 pom poms/rocks/whatever material you have on hand - you can also use a deck of cards or other numbered items)

Why?

* encourages children to construct and create
* children will gain confidence
* promotes communication and language development
* teaches counting and number sense
* builds fine motor skills