

THE ART OF TEACHING KINDERGARTEN MATH.

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* Good teachers are costly, but bad teachers cost more.

Bob Talbert.

The art of teaching kindergarten math can be said to be fun ways of teaching math to the young ones.

*THE USE OF BUILDING BLOCKS(ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION):

Children have the idea that building blocks are for play. So, you as a teacher can channel your addition and subtraction into these building blocks by asking your children to share the building blocks within themselves, after which you ask them one after the other how many building blocks do they have? Then ask them to look for someone and give he/she a specific amount of the blocks. The child who gave out will tell you how many is left after he/she has given it out, that is subtraction.

While the one who collected and added to his/her existing blocks will count and tell you how many he/she is having after he/she has collected and added to the one he/she has.

*THE USE OF PAPER AD BEADS:

Another method is to write a number in a block form on a paper, give it to each child with some amount of beads and ask them to place the beads on the number written on the paper to create the shape of the number. (This is to help the children write and identify numbers easily.)

*SINGING AND DANCING:

Another way is through singing and dancing with numbers. This method helps the children to remember a lot, especiall big numbers.

*DICE AND BUILDING BLOCKS:

You can get a dice and give it to the children then get as much building blocks as possible, ask them to sit round and throw the dice on the table, any part of the dice that shows up, you will count the number of dot on the dice then get the same number of building block and build them on each other the person with the tallest building is the winner.

*PIECES OF PAPER WITH HOLES:

You can get a paper cut it into pieces and make different number of holes on them spread them on the floor and ask the children to pick a specific number the first child to pick the correct number gets a point and the child with the highest point is the winner.

The above listed are few out of many methods that can be used to teach kindergarten math.

ADVANTAGES.

The advantages of the art of teaching kindergarten math are:

- *Active engagement of the students in the learning process.
- *Development of cooperation.
- *Better knowledge retention.

Conclusion.

‘‘A good teacher is a master of simplification and an enemy of simplism’’

Louis A. Berman.