

# Anchor Activity Ideas for Grades K,1

Anchors can be differentiated based on individual student needs.

Tips for creating anchors:

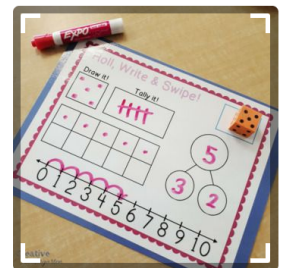
- ★ Look for hands on objects you may already have stored in bins or in your closets!
- ★ Look online for other ideas.
- ★ Share ideas with your colleagues.
- ★ Share the workload with your colleagues in developing anchor activities.

## ELA

- Buddy Whisper Reading with on level books or picture books
- Listen to Books on CD / Tape
- Word building using scrabble tiles
- Read aloud to self with on level or picture books - get a plumbing pipe elbow from a hardware store. Students reads aloud in one open end of the elbow and can listen to self reading out of the other open end
- Read silently to self
- Match pictures to beginning or ending letters (letters on small square cards)
- Read the room
- ELA games

## Math

- Make number sentences with magnetic numbers on magnetic board
- Make number sentences with dried corn, paper clips, bingo buttons
- Counting - count the objects and write the number (worksheet or hands on)
- Build a number with buttons or other small objects in many different ways. For example - 7 can be built with 7 & 0, 6 & 1, 5 & 2, 4 & 3.
- Sort and categorize using buttons
- Math apps on the iPad
- Use Big Book (K) pictures and create story problems to tell partners
- Roll, Write, Swipe (see photo)
- Math games
- Minute math
- Pattern making
- Count the room (ex. How many blue objects in the room? How many red? Which has more?)
- STEM baskets - ex. use the items in the basket to create a bridge that will hold a cookie



## Fine motor

- Letter / word tracing

- Number tracing
- Cut out pictures using blunt scissors
- Practice writing letters
- String boards - weaving string to make a picture or object
- Buttoning practice
- Zippering practice
- Sequence stories - cut the pictures and put them in order from first to last