

## SCOOP, ESTIMATE & COUNT

Gather the children in a group. Scoop out a handful of counters from a bag and have the children guess how many they think you have in your hand. After they have made a few guesses, open your hand and count them out together. Ask, “Which guesses were far from the actual number?”

1. Pass the bag around and let each child take a turn closing their eyes and grabbing a handful of counters.
2. Have them take a guess at the number of counters grabbed before they open their eyes.
3. Then let the child count to determine if he or she is correct. Ask, “Did you have more or fewer than you thought?”
4. Vary the activity by letting the children use a scoop, cup, or tray to get counters out of the bag, first asking whether they think their hand or the other container will hold more.
5. Another variation is to scoop one size object estimate & count & then scoop a different size object. Discuss w/children why there are differences in what they can hold.