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# NUMBER MOBILES

with Play Dough and Tin Foil



NUMBER WORK

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# WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- play dough
- card stock (letter-sized) - 1 for each student + one extra sheet for every 4 students
- tin foil
- colored Sharpies or wet erase markers
- chopsticks
- wool or string
- hole puncher
- maybe a ladder!

# VARIATIONS

- Each child can make a mobile OR each child makes one number to contribute to class mobiles
- Hang them in the classroom, corridors or even in the bathrooms!
- If hanging numbers back-to-back use strong card to prevent tearing
- If the way they turn is distracting, hang them close to the wall (as in the cover photo)

# HOW IT'S DONE

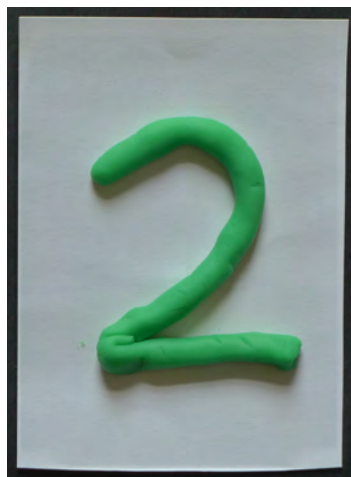
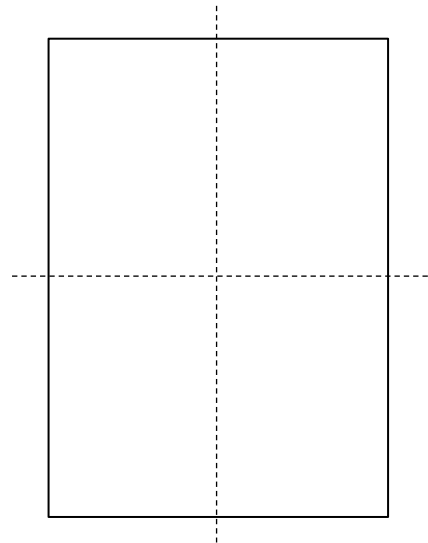
## Number Cards

### Step 1:

Students cut their card into 4 pieces.

Teacher cuts more card into 4 & gives each student 1 piece.

Now each student should have 5 pieces.



### Step 2:

Students roll their play dough into a snake and then form a number on their card.

Numbers can be glued onto the card with a glue stick. (Tin foil tends to hold up the play dough and keep it in place even without glue).

### Step 3:

Students CAREFULLY push a piece of tin foil down onto their numbers, working the foil in around the edges of the numbers before flattening it on the card and folding the excess foil over.



### Step 4:

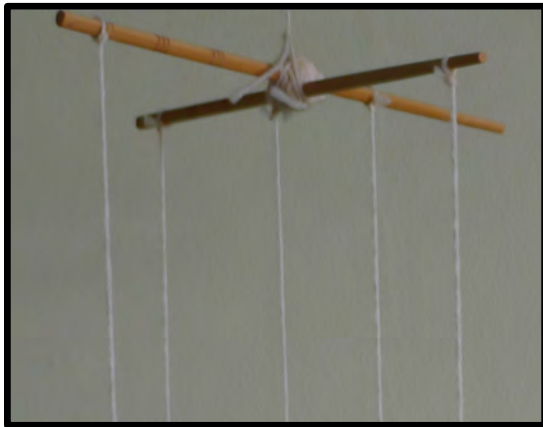
Using Sharpies, students draw the correct number of objects on the foil and finish decorating by writing numbers.

### Step 5:

Punch a hole in the top and tie a piece of wool or string to it.



## Mobiles



### Step 1:

Cross 2 chopsticks and tie them in the middle with wool.

### Step 2:

Hang one number from each corner and one from the middle.

### Step 3:

If they don't hang straight (that is, one side seems too heavy) simply push the wool on the chopsticks closer to, or further away from, the central point to balance it out.

### Step 4:

Use more wool to hang the mobiles from the ceiling.



# CREDITS

The fonts and borders used here were created by these talented ladies.



I hope your students really enjoy this math craft!  
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