# **Core Skills Analysis**

## Mathematics

- Recognized and identified numbers through animated characters, reinforcing number recognition skills.
- Understood basic number concepts such as counting, sequencing, and simple arithmetic as presented through storytelling.
- Developed an early sense of numerical relationships and quantities by observing Numberblocks combining and separating.
- Engaged with visual representations of numbers which supports the concept of place value and number decomposition.

# Early Childhood Development

- Enhanced listening and attention skills by watching the episodes and following storylines.
- Stimulated language development through exposure to numerical vocabulary and phrases.
- Encouraged curiosity and playful learning attitude toward math concepts.
- Developed cognitive associations by linking abstract numbers to character personalities and visual shapes.

### Tips

To deepen understanding of number concepts introduced by Numberblocks, parents and educators can encourage the child to create their own number characters using craft materials, linking creativity with numerical learning. Playing simple addition and subtraction games using physical objects like blocks or counters can also reinforce arithmetic skills. Reading number-based storybooks aloud and discussing the math in everyday scenarios, such as during snack time or shopping, will make numbers more relevant and meaningful. Finally, posing open-ended questions like 'How many ways can you make number 5?' stimulates critical thinking and flexibility with numbers.

#### **Book Recommendations**

- <u>The Grapes of Math</u> by Greg Tang: A delightful book encouraging children to think creatively about numbers and math puzzles.
- <u>Chicka Chicka 1 2 3</u> by Bill Martin Jr. and Michael Sampson: A vibrant counting book that integrates numbers with fun alphabet characters, perfect for early learners.
- <u>Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons</u> by Eric Litwin: A playful story introducing simple subtraction concepts through Pete's colorful buttons.

# Learning Standards

- CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.K.CC.A.1 Count to 100 by ones and tens.
- CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.K.CC.B.4 Understand the relationship between numbers and quantities.
- CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.K.OA.A.1 Represent addition and subtraction with objects, fingers, mental images, or drawings.
- CCSS.MATH.PRACTICE.MP1 Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.

#### **Try This Next**

- Create a worksheet where the child draws their own Numberblock for a chosen number, showing its parts (e.g., 7 made of 3 and 4 blocks).
- Organize a quiz with simple addition problems inspired by Numberblocks, such as 'What happens if 2 blocks and 3 blocks join?'