Calendar Fun

Age: Preschool-age (3–4 years)

This activity helps your child's development in
this domain: Cognitive

What You Need:

- Calendar
- Jumbo crayons or washable markers

What To Do:

1. On the first day of any month, look at a calendar together and count all the
days there are in that month, pointing to each number as you count.
2. Tape the calendar to the refrigerator at your child’s eye level. For every
day that passes, have your child place an “x” on the date with a crayon or
marker.
3. Count how many days have passed and how many days are left in the month.
4. Use the calendar to discuss timing of events using terms such as “today,”
“tomorrow,” and “yesterday.” For example, “Yesterday we went to the beach.
Today, we’re going to the supermarket. What would you like to do tomorrow?”

VARIATION:

Have your child place a button or marble in a small box each day, starting on
the first day of a month. Count how many buttons or marbles there are in the box
each day and point to that number on the calendar. For example, if you have 10
buttons, ask her to point to the number 10 on the calendar. Practice counting forward (1, 2, 3, and so on) or backward (10, 9, 8, and so on).