

## TEACHER NOTES: BANKO!

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There's a bit of preparation involved, but you can use and reuse this game several times – for counting up pennies, nickels, dimes, or even quarters!

#### Preparation

1. Prepare BANKO cards. Each child needs a different BANKO card. Older children (mature kindergarteners or children in grades 1-2) can put their own numbers in each box, once you model how to do it.

For younger children, you may want to do this for them:

In the B column choose 5 different numbers in the 1-10 range.

In the A column choose 5 numbers in the 11-20 range.

For N, 21-30; for K, 31-40; for O, 41-50.

B (1-10)	A (11-20)	N (21-30)	K (31-40)	O (41-50)
8	12	22	37	45
1	17	28	35	42
3	14		36	48
5	13	21	31	50
10	19	24	32	43

2. Gather coins. To play regular 5-in-a-row BANKO, you will need about 10-15 pennies per child. [Obviously this gets more expensive if you play with nickels, dimes, or quarters. You can consider using plastic coins, but it is more authentic if you use “real” money.]

3. Punch out the numbers for the “caller.” There are 50 in all, and a few extras in case you need to replace any. (Note: After you have used the numbers for BANKO, you can turn them over and use them for “Ten Black Dots,” see pages 45-46.)

#### Game Play

1. Each child gets a BANKO card and 10-15 pennies.
2. Have children put a penny in the center of the board (in the piggy bank).
3. The caller draws a number at random and calls it out, for example “N 25.”
4. If that number appears on a player's card, he/she puts a penny on top of the number.
5. The winner is the person who gets five in a row – vertically, horizontally, or diagonally.
6. DON'T REMOVE THE PENNIES from the card. The “second winner” is the person who has the most money on the card. [Children have to count by 1's to find the total.]

#### Game Variations

Play with nickels and count by 5's to get the total amount of money used on each card.

Play with dimes and count by 10's to get the total, or use quarters and count by 25's.

## RELATED BOOKS

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Hill, Mary (2005) Welcome Books: Nickels. ISBN 0-516-25171-6

Hill, Mary (2005) Welcome Books: Dimes. ISBN 0-516-25169-4

Hill, Mary (2005) Welcome Books: Quarters. ISBN 0-516-25173-2

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