Counting Octopus

Learning Goal
Practice counting 1-8.

What You’ll Need
- Paper plate
- Construction paper
- Markers or crayons
- Cereal loops, sequins or buttons
- Scissors
- Glue
- Googly eyes

Steps
1. Make an octopus! Cut the paper plate in half to make the head. Decorate it with crayons and add eyes and a mouth.
2. Add the tentacles! Cut 8 long paper strips to make the octopus legs, or tentacles. Write a number on each leg, 1-8, and glue the legs to the head in number order.
3. Add the suckers! Using small round items like cereal loops or buttons, add suckers to the tentacles in the amount of the number on each one. Practice counting together!

Talk Together
- Which tentacle has the most suckers on it?
- How many suckers does the octopus have?

Book Suggestion
Dos en el Zoológico/Two at the Zoo, written by Danna Smith and illustrated by Valeria Petrone

Online Game
Curious George: Blast Off
pbskids.org/curiousgeorge/busyday/rocket/

Watch Video

This activity explores Number Sense & Counting