K.CC Counting Cup

Task

Materials

- A plastic 24 ounce (or larger) cup.
- A collection of various counting manipulatives.
- Student booklets made from 10 sheets of plain white paper folded in half with a sheet of construction paper folded on the outside and stapled down the folded side (1 per student).
- Large paper plates (1 per student with the student name written in the middle of the plate).

Actions

- Place 5-10 counters in the cup. In a small group, count out the quantity in the cup with the students and write the number on a small white board.
- Have the students use the additional counters at the table to make their own collection on a paper plate. When a student has what he or she thinks is an equivalent collection on the paper plate, he or she should count the collection with the teacher one time off the plate and then one time back onto the plate to verify.
- Next, students draw a picture of the counters and write the number on a page in the student booklet. Students can begin the recording portion while waiting for the teacher to count with them.

Rotate students through this activity until each student has been able to count out a collection.