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Laperna's Learners Learning about the Number Rack!

The number rack is a powerful tool that students will use consistently throughout the year as they develop critical understandings of numbers. Students explored numbers between 0 and 10 by using a 10-bead number rack. A number rack can be used to develop one-to-one correspondence, cardinality, subitizing, and learning combinations of numbers in the range 0-10 with an emphasis on the combinations of 5. Students were encouraged to push the beads in groups rather than pushing one bead at a time.

Students were also introduced to a new work place game called Numbers & Number Racks. Players chose Ten-Frame Dot Cards, arranged their number racks to match the card, and discussed the results. Kindergarteners took this a step further by each player taking a Ten-Frame Dot Card, building it on their number rack, and then deciding which player's number was greater or less than by comparing their number racks.

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