Unit 1 Week 3	Large Group Help Corduroy Find His Button High Support	Math LG	 Standards: MP: Recognizes the idea of a problem and problem solving in the physical and social world. G: Uses physical movement to gain understanding of orientation and directionality
	CORDUROY		



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• Introduction to Problem Solving

Math Concepts: [From Unit 1 Learning Progressions]

- What is a problem? Introducing math into problem-solving
- Moving our bodies in many different directions

Adaptations for Using large Group in Alternate Schedule Slots:

• Take the book, bear and buttons outdoors and search for them on the playground.

Materials:

- Corduroy by Freeman
- Stuffed Bear- [Or Corduroy Bear, if you have one]
- 5 Large circles to represent Buttons Paper plates with black sticker dots work well
- Number Chart on Wall for Reference [Optional]
- Math Vocabulary:
 - Problem- Something that we wonder about and want to figure out or solve
 - Solve- finding answers to a problem

Preparation:

This Math Large Group takes place AFTER the Read-Aloud Corduroy.

Make the buttons.During room preparation, place 4 large button circles in different locations around the room. Save the 5th button to show the children during group time.

Gather Corduroy book, Stuffed Animal or other representation of Corduroy, and 1 Button.

Intro:		
Remember when we read Corduroy? Corduroy		
had a problem. Do you ever have a problem? A	Children offer ideas about what a problem is and	
problem is something we wonder about and	what Corduroy's problem was.	
want to figure out or solve.		
Corduroy had a problem. He lost one button on	Children may recall some of the ways that	

his shoulder strap. He wanted to find it- to solve his problem.	Corduroy tried to find a button.
How did Corduroy try to solve his problem?	Describe Corduroy's search for his button. Show some pictures from the book about the search, using positional and directional words.
He searched in the store for his button. He looked down at the floor. He went up the escalator- or went upstairs. He crawled onto (on top of) a mattress He fell off the bed. [fell down]	Use the stuffed animal and imitate the actions that he did while you describe them.
Sometimes I lose things and have to look for	[Give personal example if needed, using
them.	positional and directional words].
Has anyone ever lost something?	A few children contribute stories about lost items.
We are going to pretend to help Cordurov find	Show the button.
his button—	Ask another adult or child to hide this button.
We are going to look for 5 buttons, not just one. Remember we are going to look for 5 buttons.	Count 1-5 on fingers or point to number chart. Begin search. For accommodations or to manage the activity, you can use teams.
	children search the room for buttons and bring them back to the aroun area
Where did you find a button? I noticed that XXX found a button <u>under</u> the big truck in the blocks.	As the children find buttons, place them in a row in the group area. Use problem solving, spatial and quantity/counting questions
How many buttons have we found so far?	When all 5 are in the group area, count together.
How can we find out if we have them <u>all</u> ?	1-5
We have 3 here. How many more do we need?	
	Repeat as many times as time permits. Children
We helped solve the problem of the missing	can take turns niging buttons for others to find.
buttons today, using our math thinking. We looked in a lot of places and we counted.	Wrap up and summarize.

Strategies to Provoke Math Thinking:

• Focusing on small quantities: Although you may observe children rote-counting to 10 or above, that does not automatically mean that children have a sense of quantity. Small quantities, such as 1-5 are a good starting point for understanding: *We count to find out how many*. In this activity, children count as items are added to the group as a way to encourage 1:1 correspondence and the idea of quantity.

- Geometry as Spatial Understandings: We often associate geometry with shapes- but spatial concepts are also foundational. Pair positional or directional words with locations and actions to teach/reinforce understanding of relative positions in space.
- Problem-solving: Introduce the idea of solving a problem as a process that uses math-skills. This shifts the attention from the "right" answers onto the many ways that we can approach problems. Corduroy did not actually solve his problem during his search- but he used some excellent strategies. Problem-solving will be featured during each Unit in Week 5.

Provocation:

Children may still be learning about the layout of the classroom, their favorite activities, the location of their cubbies, who is beside them at lunch, etc. Encourage the use of spatial terms during the everyday routines of the classroom: [Examples]

Who is beside you at the lunch table?

Where did you hang your jacket?

Begin making notes about possible problems that the class can solve during Week 5- Bonus Week