Suggestions for Numeral Writing Practice

Here are a few suggestions of fun and different ways to practice numeral writing with your students.

1. Allow students to write the numerals on a friend's back.

2. Encourage students to draw the numerals at the easel with a large brush with paint or with water.

3. Provide giant markers and newsprint so students can make large copies of the model numerals.

4. Invite students to mold the numerals with clay, cookie dough, or pipe cleaners.

5. Encourage students to draw the numerals in chocolate pudding or shaving cream.

6. Suggest that students write the numeral with roll-on cologne on a friend's arm.

7. Ask students to form the numerals with yarn.

8. Have them glue popcorn kernels or small pieces of pasta on a tracing of the numeral.

9. Have them sing the songs on the next page to help them remember the numbers.
Lyrics for Making the Numerals 0 through 9
To be sung to the tune of “Here We Go ‘Round the Mulberry Bush”

0  Start at the top and go around [repeat two more times]
    To make the number 0.

1  Start at the top and go straight down [repeat two more times]
    To make the number 1.

2  Halfway round and then straight out [repeat two more times]
    To make the number 2.

3  Halfway round and halfway round [repeat two more times]
    To make the number 3.

4  Down and out and then straight down [repeat two more times]
    To make the number 4.

5  Down, around, then make a hat [repeat two more times]
    To make the number 5.

6  Down, around, then close the loop [repeat two more times]
    To make the number 6.

7  Go across and then slant down [repeat two more times]
    To make the number 7.

8  Make an "S," then go right back [repeat two more times]
    To make the number 8.

9  Go around and then go down [repeat two more times]
    To make the number 9.