Tell Me Children, a math activity poem
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Tell me children, tell me when
We will learn to count to ten?
(using fingers- count 1-10)

Now let's have some number fun,
And count back from ten to one.
(using fingers- count 10-1)

Tell me children, tell me when
We will learn to step to ten?
(stepping forwards- count 1-10)* see alternative below

Now let's have some number fun,
And step back from ten to one.
(stepping backwards- count 10-1)

Repeat using jumping... etc.

Alternative:

Show me children, show me do,
How we all can step by 2's.
(stepping forwards- count by 2's)

Tell me children, can it be,
That we can jump to the number 3?
(jumping forwards- count by 3's)

Come on children, let's do some more
Let's go skip to the number 4?
(skip to the 4's times table)

Guess what, children? Goodness sake's alive- we can stork-walk to number five
Listen children, here's a trick- we can leap frog to the number six!