GRADE 1 ARITHMETIC VERSES and SONGS

MOVEMENT VERSES
The numbers live in the heavens,
Count the stars to see.
The numbers live on the earth,
In stone, in you, in me.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7... In my head count windows seven.
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6... Point each way, that makes six.
1, 2, 3, 4, 5... See my fingers five.
1, 2, 3... Limbs I have four.
1, 2... Earth, Air, Sea
1, 2... Me, You
1... Done or One

Number one, touch your tongue.
Number two, touch your shoe.
Number three, touch your knee.
Number four, touch the floor.
Number five, learn to jive.
Number six, pick up sticks.
Number seven, go to heaven.
Number eight, shut the gate.
Number nine, touch your spine.
Number ten, do it all again!

We are knights of Michael, straight and bold
We march around, whether hot or cold.
We count our steps as we walk on our way,
And as we pass we call “Good Day! “
1, 2, 3, 4, 5... When we reach the top of the hill,
We turn around and return with a will
12, 11, 10, 9...

We are the knights’ horses, graceful and light,
We happily prance, both morning and night,
Up and up and up we go,
But moving down is oh so slow.
1, 2, 3, 4, 5...
12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7…

**Stepping Verse**
I know a family strange indeed each one walks at different speed
They could walk for half a day
Counting footsteps all the way.
First to come, is their mom

(Walking with even steps)
I am proper neat and prim
My walk is straight, my clothes are trim
So count my steps and you will see
That each one is the same for me
1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12

(Walk like an old person with short-long steps)
But MY two STEPS are NOT the SAME
For I must LEAN upon my CANE
Although I’m BENT and WEAK and OLD
I CAN still COUNT my numbers BOLD
1,2,3,4...up to 24

(then comes little brother with 2 short steps and a long step)
I’m a LAD, and I SAY
That I’d MUCH rather PLAY
I can RUN with my BALL
While the NUM-BERS I do CALL.
1,2,3,4,5,6... up to 36

(w/4 long steps w/clear stop on 4th step)  (w/5 short steps on tiptoe)
My step is STRONG  Like a mouse I GO.
I’ll not go WRONG  Fearfully tip-TOE
With all my MIGHT  Looking to the LEFT
I’ll guard what’s RIGHT  Looking to the RIGHT
I’ll always KNOW  Dangers’s not in SIGHT
How far to GO  Lightly I arrive
1,2,3,4...up to 48  1,2,3,4,5... up to 60

(w/2 short steps and a long step; whisper, “one, two”, then loudly “three”, repeat pattern to 36)
1, 2,3, 4, 5, 6,
I can do lots of tricks.
I’ve a friend-number three,
he's a helper to me,
He has taught me to play
but I have my own way.

A giant am I, just sauntering by  (Grand right and left stepping, counting by 10’s)
To numbers so high I quickly will fly.
10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

Counting down Verse
10 little monkeys sitting in a tree
Teasing Mister Alligator, “Can’t catch me!”
Along comes Mister Alligator just as quiet as can be..
SNAP......How many monkeys sitting in a tree?
(after they get this switch to Mrs. Alligator who eats 2 at a time, or others )

Clapping Verse
There were five little bunnies in the bakery shop,
You know the kind with the sugar and the honey on top.
Along came (name) with a penny to pay,
(S)he bought a little bunny and she ran away.
There were four little bunnies.....
(last verse)There were no little bunnies in the bakery shop,
You know the kind with the sugar and the honey on top.
Along came (name) with a penny to pay
But there were no little bunnies so he ran away.

VERSES FOR STICK OR CLAPPING COUNTING RHYTHMS
2X
(Clap own thighs, clap partner’s hands saying rhyme and then count numbers with multiples of 2 loudly on partner clap to 24)
To market, to market to buy a fat pig
Home again, home again, jiggety jog!
To market, to market, to but a fat hog,
Home again, home again, jiggety jog!

3X
(Clap own thighs, clap own hands, clap partner’s hands saying rhyme and then count numbers with multiples of 3 loudly on partner clap to 36)
I am strong, I am brave, I am valiant and bold,
For the sun fills my heart with his life giving gold.
I am helpful and truthful and loving and free,
For my heart’s inner sunshine glows brightly in me.
I will open my heart to the sunbeams so bright,
I will warm all the world with my heart's inner light.

4X
(Clap RH to R thigh, clap LH to L thigh, clap own hands, clap partner’s hands saying rhyme and then count numbers with multiples of 4 loudly on partner clap to 48)
I laugh, ha, ha, I laugh, he, he.
I laugh all day, it pleases me!
Ha, ha, laugh I, he, he, Laugh I,
All day laugh I, then say good bye.

5X
(Clap thighs, touch LH to R elbow, touch RH to L elbow, clap own hands, clap partner’s hands saying rhyme and then count numbers with multiples of 5 loudly on partner clap to 60)
Good morning dear earth,
Good morning, dear sun,
Good morning, dear trees,
And flowers every one.
Good morning, dear beasts,
And birds on the tree,
Good morning to you,
Good morning to me.

6X
(Touch toes, touch knees, touch waist, touch shoulders, touch head, clap partner’s hands saying rhyme and then count numbers with multiples of 6 loudly on partner clap to 72)
The moon on the one hand,
The sun on the other,
The moon is my sister,
The sun is my brother.
My brother, good morning,
My sister, good night.

SONGS
Gnome Song
Choose 12 children to be the gnomes. The other children sing along and observe.
Chorus:
We dance around the fir tree in every kind of weather
12 little gnomes, dancing all together.

Two big groups of _____ are we,
Two big groups of _____.

Chorus:
Three little groups of ____ are we,
Three little groups of _____.

Chorus:
Four little groups of ______ are we.
Four little groups of _____.

Chorus:
Six little groups of _____ are we.
Six little groups of _____.

**On the Day I Went to Sea Song**
When I was one, I ate a bun (chomp bun)
On the day I went to sea (make wave motion with hands)
I jumped on board of the pirate ship (jump)
And the Captain (salute) said to me:
We're going this way (side step to right)
That way (side step to left)
Forward (step forward)
Backward (step backward)
Over the deep blue sea. (turn around)

When I was two, I buckled my shoe
On the day……

*Make up actions for additional numbers.*

And just for fun...

**One Day One Foot Kept Moving Song**
One day one foot kept moving,
Kept moving, kept moving
One day one foot kept moving
Hi Ho, Hi Ho, Hi Ho.
One day one hand kept moving,
Kept moving, kept moving
One day one hand, one foot kept moving
Hi ho, hi ho, hi ho.
(add other body parts as called for)