Finn the Fine Motor

Lucky Star
Ask your child to pick out 1 “lucky star”. Remove the other star of the same color and put it to the side. Then, place all the remaining stars back into Finn’s storage space. There should be 9 stars in Finn at this point. Take turns closing your eyes and reaching inside Finn to pick out a star. Say the color of the star you picked. If it is not the lucky star, continue taking turns until the lucky one is picked.

Counting Stars
Remove the stars and create two piles with different numbers of stars in each. For example, you could make one pile of 4 and the other of 3. Place any extra stars to the side. Ask the child which pile has more stars and count the numbers in each. For added variations, you can create three piles for comparison.

Fish Decoration
Announce it’s time to decorate Finn. Remove all the stars, and then request a specific number and color of stars. For example, start with “I would like to decorate Finn with one red star”. Let the child place the star anywhere on Finn. You can increase the challenge by requesting multiple stars at the same time. For example, “I would like 1 red star and 1 yellow star,” or “I would like 2 purple stars and 1 yellow star.”

Guess the Number
Ask your child to close their eyes. Place a number of stars inside Finn’s storage area; place the remaining stars out of sight. Have your child hold Finn and even peek inside the holes. Then, ask, “How many stars do you think are inside?” After your child guesses, tell them if the real number is greater than or less than that number—then, guess again! Keep guessing until the correct answer is found. Remove the stars and count them to confirm.