

Counting and Numbers Story Time



Remind parents to count children on their census—

Children under the age of 5 are one of the most commonly undercounted group on the census. Correctly counting your children on your census form helps planning for schools, child care, health care and more.

If children live between two houses, count them where they sleep on April 1, 2020.

Early Literacy Tip – Counting books and rhymes can help your child develop the basics of math skills. Learning to count doesn't need to be a repetitive chore. It can be done in lots of fun ways. Counting books and rhymes also teach sequencing which is an important skill in reading.

Create a story time using these activities, rhymes and books. Pick and choose what works for you!

Make sure that, during the story time, you make sure to remind parents to count their children when they are filling out their census.

Book Options

Pete the Cat and his Five Groovy Buttons by James Dean

Mouse Count by Ellen Stoll Walsh

Ducks Away! by Mem Fox and Judy Horacek

One Little Monster by Mark Gonyea

Ten in the Bed by Jane Cabrera

Swallow the Leader by Danna Smith

Dog's Colorful Day by Emma Dodd

Ten Hungry Pigs by Derek Anderson

Soup for One by Ethan Long

One Two That's My Shoe! by Alison Murray

20 Big Trucks in the Middle of the Street by Mark Lee

Ten, Nine, Eight by Molly Bang

Any of the "Five Little Monkeys" books by Eileen Christelow

Or choose your favorite book about counting!

We also have five small piggie puppets you can use for counting.

Puppet Kit: Piggies



Rhymes:

One, one, show me one.
Two, two, show me two.
Three, three, show me three.
Four, four, show me four.
Five, five, show me five.
Show me _____ right now (choose any number or your bellybutton for fun!)

Bathtub Piggies

One pig in the bathtub
Going for a swim.
Knock, Knock (*Clap twice*)
Splash, Splash, (*Slap knees twice*)
Come on in! (*Motion with both hands to come in*)
Repeat up to 'Five'
Five pigs in the bathtub
Going for a swim.
Knock, Knock,
Splash, Splash,
They all fell in!

Ten Little Cookies

One little, two little, three little cookies,
Four little, five little, six little cookies,
Seven little, eight little, nine little cookies,
Ten cookies – Yum! Yum! Yum!

I'm a little cuckoo clock

Tick tock, tick tock, I'm a little cuckoo clock.
Tick tock, tick tock, now it's one o'clock.
Cuckoo! (jump once)
(Continue with two, three, four and five o'clock.)

One, Two, Buckle My Shoe

One two buckle my shoe
Three, four, shut the door
Five, six, pick up sticks
Seven, eight, lay them straight
Nine, ten, a big fat hen (flap your arms like wings and cluck)

Five little monkeys jumping on the bed
One fell off and bumped his head
Mama called the doctor, the doctor said
"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"

Four little monkeys....
Three little monkeys....
Two little monkeys....
One little monkey....

Activities:

Count how many kids are at story time.
Count how many adults and how many people there are in the room.
What other things could we count at story time? (Chairs, tables, books, etc.)

Draw a family picture and count how many people are in your family.

Have the kids take turn rolling a giant dice. Then do different actions based on the number it landed on—so if it landed on a 4, you could clap four times, or jump four times, or give 4 high fives, etc.

Print out some numbers with the correct amount of dots and then hand out some clothespins. Have the children pin the right amount of clothespins to each number.



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