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Storytime Starters

Books You Can Count On

Books for Toddlers:

Baby Goes to Market by Atinuke, © 2017. (CONCEPTS, Atinuke)

Counting with Tiny Cat by Viviane Schwarz, © 2017. (BOARD, Schwarz)

Crash! Boom! A Math Tale by Robie H. Harris, © 2018. (CONCEPTS, Harris)

Goodnight, Numbers by Danica McKellar, © 2017. (CONCEPTS, McKellar)

Ten, Nine, Eight by Molly Bang, © 1983. (CPC, Bang)

Books for Preschoolers:

Diez Perros en la Tienda by Claire Masurel, © 1997. (CPC, Masurel)

Grandma's Tiny House by JaNay Brown-Wood, © 2017. (CONCEPTS, Brown-Wood)

Mouse Count by Ellen Stoll Walsh, © 1991. (CONCEPTS, Walsh)

Neon Leon by Jane Clark, © 2016. (ANIMALS, Clarke)

One Little Monster by Mark Gonyea, © 2018. (CONCEPTS, Gonyea)

Pete the Cat: Five Little Ducks by James Dean, © 2017. (CHARACTERS, Pete the Cat)

Stack the Cats by Susie Ghahremani, © 2017. (CONCEPTS, Ghahremani)

Uno, Dos, Tres; One, Two, Three by Pat Mora, © 1996. (CONCEPTS, Mora)

The World-Famous Book of Counting by Sarah Goodreau, © 2016. (CONCEPTS, 513.211)

School-Age Extension:

7 Ate 9: The Untold Story by Tara Lazar, © 2017. (ADVANCED, Lazar)

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Fingerplays & Songs :

Two Little Blackbirds

Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill.
(Place both fists out in front)
One named Jack and the other named
Jill. (Lift one fist for each bird)
Fly away Jack. Fly away Jill.
(Flutter each hand behind back)
Come back Jack. Come back Jill.
(Flutter each hand back to front)

Ten in a Bed

There were ten in the bed, and the little
one said, "Roll over, roll over."
(Rolling motion)
So they all rolled over and one fell out.
There were nine in the bed, and the little
one said, "Roll over, roll over."
(Rolling motion)
So they all rolled over and one fell out...
(Repeat until you get to number one.)
There was one in the bed, and the little
one said, "Good night!" or "I'm lonely.
Come back!"

Ten Fingers

I have ten fingers
(hold up both hands, fingers spread)
And they all belong to me, (point to self)
I can shut them up tight (make fists)
I can open them wide (open hands)
I can put them together
(place palms together)
I can make them all hide
(put hands behind back)
I can make them jump high
(hands over head)
I can make them jump low (touch floor)
I can fold them up quickly
(fold hands in lap)
And hold them just so.

Number One, Touch Your Thumb

Number one, touch your thumb
Number two, touch your shoe
Number three, touch your knee
Number four, touch the floor

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Number five, do high five

Number six, learn to skip

Number seven, sew and mend

Number eight, are you late?

Number nine, touch your spine

Number ten, that's the end.

Where it was nice and cool

Then there were four green speckled
frogs

Glub! Glub!

Four green and speckled frogs ...

Continue until you get to zero green
and speckled frogs.

Five Fat Peas

Five fat peas in a pea pod pressed

(Hold hand in a fist)

One grew, two grew, so did all the rest.

(Put thumb and fingers up one by one)

They grew and grew

(Raise hand in the air very slowly)

And did not stop, until one day

The pod went POP!

(Children clap hands together)

Five Elephants in the Bathtub

One elephant in the bathtub,

Going for a swim. (Swimming motion)

Knock, knock (Clap twice)

Splash, splash (Pat knees twice)

Come on in!

(Motion with both hands to come in.)

Two elephants ... (Add elephants until
you get to five elephants)

Five elephants in the bathtub,

Going for a swim. (Swimming motion)

Knock, knock (Clap twice)

Splash, splash (Pat knees twice)

It all fell in!

Five Green and Speckled Frogs

Five green and speckled frogs

Sat on a speckled log

Eating the most delicious bugs

Yum! Yum!

One jumped in the pool



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Big Book: Big Fat Hen, My Five Senses

Flannel Boards: One Snapping, Two Snapping, Three Snapping Alligators, How Many Pigs, My Many Colored Capes, Counting Fish, One Was Johnny, Five Little Monkey Jumping on the Bed

Prop Stories: Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed

Movies: Chicka Chicka 1 2 3 (VHS, 6 min.), Over in the Meadow (on Sing-Along Stories DVD, 6 min.), The Three Snow Bears (DVD, 8 min.), Vroom, Chugga, Vroom-Vroom (VHS, 6 min.)

App: Sago Mini Puppy Preschool, Fiete Math, Little Digits by Cowly Owl, Splish Splash Inn (very simplistic, haven't 100% decided how I feel about this one, but it DOES have Spanish and French options in addition to English and it's simple enough for really young kiddos. --CC)

Stamps: #1

Craft: Caterpillar Craft - Using the template provided, encourage the children to count the caterpillar's circles, color them in, and practice writing the numbers, 1 - 9.

<http://www.first-school.ws/THEME/printables/caterpillar-numbers-colors.htm>

Play Literacy:



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Early Learning Tip: As you read to your child, count objects on the page to help your child develop math skills.

Librarians: You can add to this learning tip by mentioning that when we talk about math, count objects, and use math-related words with young children, we can help them be more comfortable with these concepts. (Even though sometimes, we – as adults – aren't completely comfortable or confident with math!)