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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)
*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)
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 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.

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!”

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.


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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!)