



BOOKS TO READ!

Big Fat Hen by Keith Baker

Chicka Chicka 1,2,3 by Bill Martin Jr.

Count Down to Fall by Fran Hawk

Fiesta! By Ginger Foglesong Guy

Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed by Eileen Christelow

How Do Dinosaurs Count to Ten? By Jane Yolen

How Much is a Million? David M. Schwartz

Mouse Count by Ellen Stoll Walsh

One Hundred Hungry Ants by Elinor J. Pinczes

Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons by Eric Litwin

Ten Black Dots by Donald Crews

Ten Little Fish by Audrey Wood

Ten, Nine, Eight by Molly Bang

Pelicans

Breeze drifts soft across the waves.

Pelicans float in ebb and flow,

jagged lines across the sky.

— Linda Lucas Walling

October: Numbers

“The right book for the right child at the right time’ isn’t just a slogan. It’s a reminder that every child has likes and dislikes that we want to respect when choosing books. Silly or scary, bulldozers or ballerinas- we need to know the child and know the books in order to make choices that will create enthusiastic readers.”

— Fran Hawk, South Carolina author of children’s books including *Count Down to Fall*

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

<p>Help your child write out the numbers 1 to 10. Use this sheet throughout the month to practice counting.</p>	<p>How tall are you? Measure each family member today and again at the end of the month.</p>	<p>It’s Popcorn Poppin’ Month! Pop some popcorn and count how many pieces you eat.</p>	<p>Song Day! One potato, two potato, Three potato, four, Five potato, six potato, Seven potato, more!</p>	<p>Take a walk outside and look for acorns. Count how many you find.</p> 	<p>Help your child count their fingers and toes. Count forwards and backwards.</p>	<p>Visit Your Library! Check out some number books. If possible get <i>Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed</i> and <i>Ten Black Dots</i> from this month’s booklist.</p> 
<p>Draw a picture with ten black dots. If you have a copy, read <i>Ten Black Dots</i>.</p>	<p>Count the pairs of socks your child has. Talk about other things that come in pairs.</p> 	<p>Count by fives and tens as high as your child can go.</p>	<p>Show your child a clock and count the hours. Explain the number of hours in a day.</p> 	<p>Science Day! Help your child sort coins into groups by size. Talk about size and which is smaller and which is bigger.</p>	<p>Number 5 Day! Look for the number five today. If you have a copy, read <i>Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed</i>.</p>	<p>Have everyone in your family vote on their favorite book. Count up the votes and see which book is the winner.</p>
<p>It’s Fire Prevention Month! Show your child your household smoke detector, or install a new one. Many fire departments offer free smoke detectors so contact your local department to check. Talk about fire safety.</p>	<p>Explain what a dozen means. Count the number of eggs in a carton.</p>	<p>Mother Goose Time! 1, 2 buckle my shoe, 3, 4 open the door, 5, 6 pick up sticks, 7, 8 lay them straight, 9, 10 a big, fat hen!</p> 	<p>Count to ten in Spanish: 1. uno 2. dos 3. tres 4. cuatro 5. cinco 6. seis 7. siete 8. ocho 9. nueve 10. diez</p>	<p>Exercise with your child by hopping or doing jumping jacks. Count as you go.</p>	<p>Draw a picture of family members who live with you. Count how many people.</p> 	<p>Have your child tell you a story about 1 pumpkin, 2 bats and 3 owls.</p>
<p>Choose a new recipe to make together. Point out the different measurements in the recipe.</p> 	<p>Show your child what time it is during the morning, afternoon, evening and bedtime. Talk about some of the routines you have at those times of day.</p>	<p>With your child count how many books your child owns. Have him choose a few of his favorites to read aloud.</p>	<p>Talk about how much a penny, nickel, dime and quarter are worth and how many of each are in a dollar.</p> 	<p>There are 46 counties in South Carolina. Count from 1 to 46 together.</p>	<p>Song Day! This old man, he played one, He played knick-knock on my thumb; With a knick-knock paddywhack, Give the dog a bone, This old man came rolling home.</p>	<p>Dough Counting! Make salt dough or play dough and use it to mold the numbers 1 to 10.</p>
<p>Bath Time! Bring a set of measuring cups or spoons into the bathtub. Practice counting and measuring.</p> 	<p>I Spy Numbers Point out the numbers you recognize in signs, labels and billboards throughout the day.</p>	<p>Point out your child’s birthday and those of family members on a calendar. Talk about everyone’s age.</p>	<p>Song Day! Sing songs with numbers such as <i>Five Little Pumpkins</i> or <i>Five Little Ducks</i>.</p>	<p>Count the number of seeds in a pumpkin, apple or other fruit.</p> 	<p>Read a picture book and then count the pages together.</p>	<p>Did you grow taller? Measure each family member again and see if anyone grew.</p>