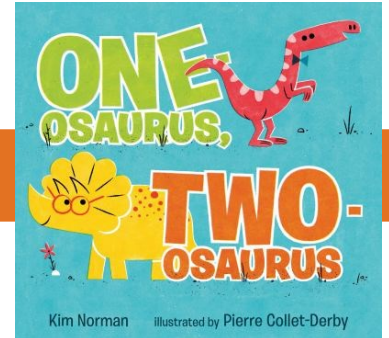
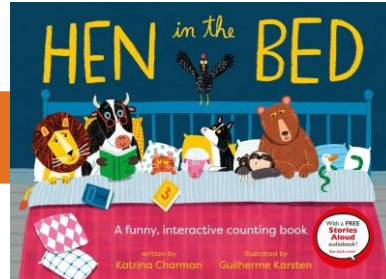
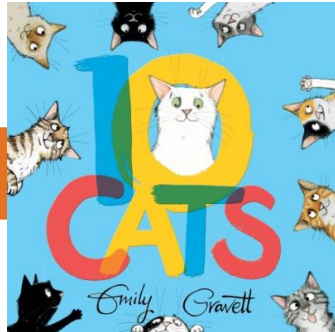


TAKE-HOME FUN!

Early Literacy Tips, Activities & More



tales' tip

"Notice and TALK together about numbers in nature—the number of petals on a flower, the number of legs on a dog compared to a bird, how many seeds are in the fruit you are eating—a watermelon has a lot of seeds, a peach has only one!"

<https://illinoisearlylearning.org>

activity

Turn toy clean-up time into a counting and color game! Can you pick up 3 green toys?
Can you pick up 5 red Duplo blocks?

Count your food—how many segments does your mandarin orange have? How many nuggets are on your plate? How many slices of apple or goldfish crackers do you want for a snack? How many pieces do you want your PB & J cut into?

digital fun

Count to 10 and down again with this farm themed counting song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9uuh3zG21ts>

[On the Farm \(counting song\)](#)

READ

[Mouse Count](#) by Ellen Stoll Walsh

[Zero Zebras](#) by Bruce Goldstone

[10 Little Ninjas](#) by Miranda Paul

[One Fox: A Counting Book Thriller](#)
by Kate Read

[Two at the Zoo](#) by Danna Smith

PLAY

Play a game: Someone chooses a number, someone else chooses an action; put them together and complete the action!

3 + hop = 3 hops!

6 + roar = 6 roars!

2 + books = Read 2 books!

TALK

Numbers are all around us — notice and talk about the numbers you see around you: at the supermarket, on road signs, on car license plates, on elevators, and where ever you go!

SING

Ten Little Dinosaurs

One little,
Two little,
Three little dinosaurs!
Four little,
Five little,
Six little dinosaurs!
Seven little,
Eight little,
Nine little dinosaurs,
Ten little dinosaurs roar very loud.

Ten little,
Nine little,
Eight little dinosaurs!
Seven little,
Six little,
Five little dinosaurs!
Four little,
Three little,
Two little dinosaurs!
One little dinosaur hops home to bed!

WRITE

Little fingers need to be strong to hold a pencil and learn how to write. You can help build finger strength with a pincer grip game— use your thumb and forefinger together like a bird's beak to 'peck' up small toys or snacks. You can count them as you go!