

Counting Through the Day

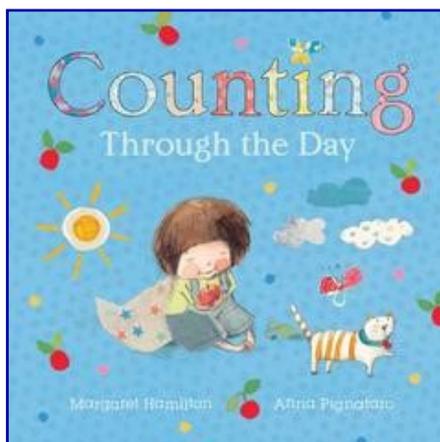
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Counting Through the Day leads us gently from morning to night, counting everything from two sturdy feet to twelve dry sticks for the fire. The rhythmic verse and simple everyday pleasures both soothe and delight.



Themes:

- Daily life
- Counting
- From day to night

Discussion Points:

- Do you like numbers? Do you like to count? What are some of the things that you count?
- Why are numbers important?
- As a class, make a large and colourful number line of all the numbers that are mentioned in the story. In groups, take turns at remembering the corresponding item from the story, and then drawing the item under the number.
- Think of all the things that we count on a daily basis. How would our lives be different if 'counting' didn't exist?
- Think of five things that you or someone in your family does everyday that requires numbers or counting.
- Look closely at all the pictures on every page. What else can you count? You might be surprised at how many other things there are!
- Who appears on every spread of the book?

Activities

- Choose your favourite thing from that book was 'counted'. Paint your own version of it.
- Explore your school. Make a list of all the things that you see in the playground of your school, along with how many of each thing you see. Compare everyone's answers to see if you all noticed and counted the same things.
- Make a large class mural and draw, paint or stick on as many stars as you can. Take turns guessing how many stars there are.