



# Early Learning Coalition of Northwest Florida Family Literacy Gazette

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## Count on Books!

Early math skills help young children make sense of the world around them. Through mathematics, children learn to reason, connect ideas, and think logically. One of the best ways to foster early math skills is to present numbers and math concepts in fun and meaningful



ways. A number of children's books introduce concepts such as counting, number sense, measuring, geometry, sorting, patterning, addition and subtraction. Check out some of these books and begin building your child's mathematical foundation:

Ten Black Dots by Donald Crews

Shapes, Shapes, Shapes by Tana Hoban

Cubes, Cones, Cylinders, & Spheres by Tana Hoban

So Many Circles, So Many Squares by Tana Hoban

Is It Larger? Is It Smaller? by Tana Hoban

Pattern (Math Counts) by Henry Arthur Pluckrose

Sorting (Math Counts) by Henry Arthur Pluckrose

When a Line Bends . . . A Shape Begins by Rhonda Gowler Greene

12 Ways to Get to 11 (Aladdin Picture Books) by Eve Merriam

Ten Flashing Fireflies by Philemon Sturges

The Art of Shapes: For Children and Adults by Margaret Steele

Each Orange Had 8 Slices by Paul Giganti

Length (Math Counts) by Henry Arthur Pluckrose

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Bay County- 850-522-2100

Books for Babies: Tuesday 9:30

Terrific Tots: Tuesday 10:30

Preschool Story Time: 10:30

Hours: M. - W. 9:00-8:00

Th. - Sat. 9:00-5:00

Calhoun County- 850-674-8773

Story Time: Th. & Sat. 10:00

Hours: M. 10:00-7:00

T. & W. 10:00-6:00

Th. 10:00-7:00

Sat. 9:00-3:00

Franklin County- 850-670-8151

Story Adventure: Th. 10:00

Hours: T. - Th. 10:00-6:00

F. 11:00- 7:00

Gulf County- 850-229-8879

Hours: M. & T. 10:00-8:00

Th. & F. 10:00- 6:00

Sat. 10:00- 4:00

Holmes County- 850-547-3573

Story Time: F. 10:00

Hours: T. - F. 8:00-5:00

Sat. 8:00-12:00

Jackson County- 850-482-9631

Story Time: T. 9:30 & 11:00

Hours: M. - Th. 9:00-8:00

F. 9:00- 6:00

Sat. 9:00- 3:00

Washington County- 850-638-1314

Story Time: Th. 10:30

Hours: M. - Th. 9:00- 6:00

F. 9:00- 1:00

# Math, Math, All Around

As your child's first and most important teacher, you have the opportunity to promote early number and math skills each and every day. Basic math skills learned at an early age provide the foundation for acquiring more advanced skills later. Playing with math concepts helps children become confident mathematical thinkers. Here are some quick and fun ways to make math a meaningful part of every day activities:

Look for Shapes on signs, buildings, and other objects as you ride in the car together. Talk about differences and similarities among the shapes.

Use positional words to ask your child to find something or put something away: "Put the shoes **under** the bed." "Please get the bowl from the **bottom** drawer."

Sort laundry, silverware, canned goods, and anything else you can find.

Collect groups of objects such as buttons, stones, shells, or beans and sort them by size, color, shape, or other characteristics.

Count as you do daily activities with your child.

## Five Little Ducks

Five little ducks went swimming one day, over the hill and far away.

Mother duck said, "Quack, Quack, Quack, Quack!"

Four little ducks came swimming back.

Four little ducks went swimming one day over the hill and far away.

Mother duck said, "Quack, Quack, Quack, Quack!"

Three little ducks came swimming back.

Three little ducks went swimming one day over the hill and far away.

Mother duck said, "Quack, Quack, Quack, Quack!"

Two little ducks came swimming back.

Two little ducks went swimming one day over the hill and far away.

Mother duck said, "Quack, Quack, Quack, Quack!"

One little duck came swimming back.

One little duck went swimming one day over the hill and far away.

Mother duck said, "Quack, Quack, Quack, Quack!"

No little ducks came swimming back.

Mother duck said "**QUACK, QUACK, QUACK, QUACK!!**" and five little ducks came swimming back.

