

Counting Around The Farm



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A Note to Parents:

Reading with your children is one of the most crucial things you can do with your children. Reading helps children develop cognitive and fine motor skills, as well as provides them opportunities to develop language skills.

If you expose your child to rich language at a young age, that language will carry with them in the future. If your child knows a lot of words, they have a higher chance at success!

While reading any book with your child, you should engage in conversation with them to ensure they are truly understanding the book. Ask them questions, and allow them to ask you questions. Here are some questions you can ask while reading *Counting Around the Farm*:

- What is that animal doing?
- How many animals are on this page?
- Do you recognize that number? What is it?

Counting Around the Farm is a hands on concept book for children ages 2-4. Children will learn to count and spell. Children will also learn to write numbers in both the numerical form, and the alphabetical form, by using the attached marker. This will help your children develop language and mathematical skills that will be needed for the rest of their lives. Children will also be able to identify different farm animals, and learn new vocabulary associated with the animals.

When you finish any book, continue on with the lesson. When you finish *Counting Around the Farm*, continue teaching your child about numbers and farm animals. Here are some things you can do with your child:

- Take your children to a barn and count how many animals are there.
- Have your children practice the numerical and alphabetical form of numbers, after having them count objects.

Remember: reading and learning should be fun!



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I'm Farmer Tim, and I need help counting around my farm. How many animals do you see?



1

One



Dog sleeping

2

Two



Horses galloping

3

Three



Cats purring

4

Four



Pigs eating

5

Five



Goats grinning

6

Six



Sheep grazing

7

Seven



Cows staring

8

Eight



Rabbits snuggling

9

Nine



Chickens clucking

10

Ten



Ducks swimming

All of the animals are here.
Thank you for helping me
count around the farm!



Author's Bio

Rebecca Jones grew up in a small town in Upstate New York, called Grand Gorge, where she was surrounded by farms and farm animals. She went to Roxbury Central School, and graduated with 28 kids in her class. Many of her classmates and friends were farmers, so she was exposed and familiar with the agricultural life. Rebecca moved to Cobleskill, N.Y., to attend SUNY Cobleskill (an agriculture and technology school) to pursue a career in Early Childhood. During her free time, she frequently went to the goat and dairy barns to visit the animals. Visiting the animals allowed her to destress, and refocus on her schoolwork. Rebecca often included farm life into her lesson plans that she created, and while working with children both in Grand Gorge and on campus. During her college career she took a class- Children's Literature- for which she wrote this book as a final project.

Help Farmer Tim count all of the animals on his farm!



Use the attached marker to write numbers in 2 (two) different ways, and see how many animals are around the farm.