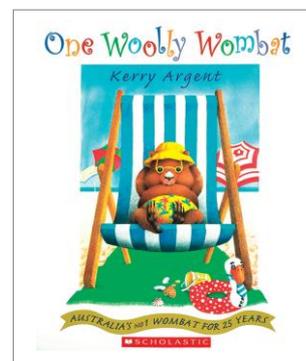


One Woolly Wombat by Kerry Argent

Theme: Counting & Numbers July 2013

Counting is fun with *One Woolly Wombat* and his friends! Kerry Argent's illustrations are sure to delight and her rhyming text is lots of fun too!



Key Message for Parents

Children are born and ready to use mathematics

As children's language skills develop, their understanding of mathematical concepts also develops—they learn number order through rote counting (usually from 0-5 or 10). They often 'skip around' in their counting, missing a number or two – Don't worry about their mistakes as this is completely normal. By reciting numbers children are learning the names of the numbers! The next stage is *meaningful counting* where the child is able to assign a number to an object, this is known as one-on-one correspondence. Counting books are perfect for teaching this concept. As you read and count with your child make sure you touch each picture or object and encourage your child to do this as well!

Learning Outcomes

Outcome Four-children are confident and involved learners

As educators we can promote and ensure this by

- Actively sharing together in children's learning
- Providing appropriate sensory and exploratory experiences
- Encouraging and supporting the reflection and expression of ideas

Welcome

Ask carers to write name tags for themselves and their children. (optional)

Welcome everyone, introduce yourself, remind adults to turn their mobile phones off and remind them that there will be time for adults to chat after the story and songs.

Sing

Welcome Song (or your preferred song)

Have the words available as a handout or written on a board or butcher's paper for the adults to read and join in.

Good Morning/afternoon

Good morning to you

Good morning to you

Good morning everybody

And welcome to you!

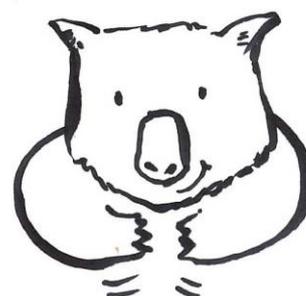


Song- this song is sung standing up so children can follow the actions!

Wombat, wombat (Teddy Bear, teddy Bear)

Wombat, wombat turn around
Wombat, wombat dig in the ground
Wombat, wombat wriggle your nose
Wombat, wombat touch your toes

Wombat, wombat has a clap
Wombat, wombat take a nap
Wombat, wombat wake up now!
Wombat, wombat take a bow!



Book Introduction

Let's read *One Woolly Wombat* by Kerry Argent! Discuss and explore the cover. What can we see on the cover of this book? A wombat! Where do you think the wombat is? He is on a beautiful Australian beach! A wombat is an Australian animal – Can you think of some other Australian animals? We are going to meet some other Australian animals and do some counting!

During reading

Each illustration in *One Woolly Wombat* has with plenty of humorous detail to help count together. As you read make sure you not only count the animals but also look carefully at each illustration. What are the Koalas eating with their tea? Where are the kangaroos dancing? The illustrations offer a lot to discover!

Encourage children and parents to use the following actions with their child as you are reading *One Woolly Wombat*. You might even use these movements as you are counting- ie 2 sips of tea, 5 splashes etc have fun!

- 1 **Woolly Wombat sunning** (arms behind head eyes closed)
- 2 **Koalas sipping** (pretend to sip tea)
- 3 **Magpies waking up sun** (hand splayed like the sun)
- 4 **Kangaroos dancing** (dancing movement)
- 5 **Platypuses splashing** (move feet)
- 6 **Cheeky Possums looking** (hands on eyes like binoculars)
- 7 **Emus running** (use fingers to run along floor)
- 8 **Echidna eating** (hand with index finger pointed in front like a long nose)
- 9 **Goannas cooking** (hands stirring action)
- 10 **Kookaburras writing** (pretending to write)



After reading

You might like to discuss the following-

What did we count to? Ten! Lets write 1-10 on the board (or have a number chart or poster)

What animals did we meet in the book? As the children remember stick the picture next to the number and count again together!

Song- Ants Go Marching (Have your numbers ready to hold up as you are marching)

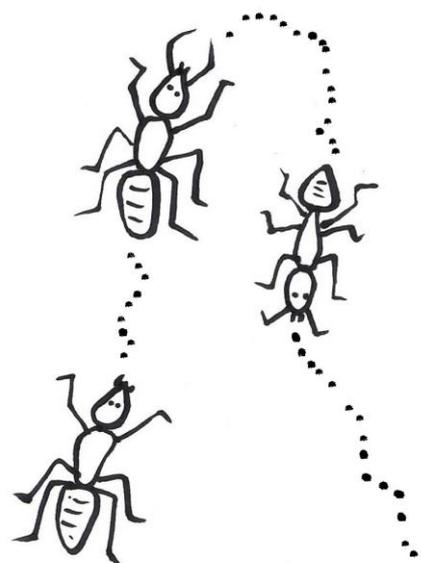
The ants go marching one by one, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching one by one, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching one by one,
The little one stops to suck his thumb
And they all go marching down to the ground
To get out of the rain, BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

The ants go marching two by two, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching two by two, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching two by two,
The little one stops to tie his shoe
And they all go marching down to the ground
To get out of the rain, BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

The ants go marching three by three, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching three by three, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching three by three,
The little one stops to climb a tree
And they all go marching down to the ground
To get out of the rain, BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

The ants go marching four by four, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching four by four, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching four by four
The little one stops to knock at the door
And they all go marching down to the ground
To get out of the rain, BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

Five by five-learn to drive
Six by six-do some tricks
Seven by seven-pray to heaven
Eight by eight -shut the gate
Nine by nine-check the time
Ten by ten -do it all again!





Activity Time -Make a Wombat Mask!



Materials needed

- 1.Mask template provided (You might choose to use the white template so children can create their own fur with string or wool!)
- 2.Scissors, sticky tape
- 3.Long cardboard strip for handle or string
- 4.Brown or grey crayons (optional)

Procedure

Cut out wombat template and attach cardboard handle with sticky tape. Encourage children to create fur effect using brown and grey crayons or sticking on pieces of wool or string.

Goodbye

Conclude the session by thanking everyone for coming and suggesting some great books for further number fun! The Little Big Book Club recommends the following books for this age group-

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
Press Here by Herve Tullet
Bush Bash! by Sally Morgan and Ambelin Kwaymullina
One Very Tired Wombat by Renee Treml

Goodbye Song

This is the way we say goodbye (use a waving action)
Say goodbye, say goodbye
This is the way we say goodbye
To all our library friends (or :) to our friend.....)

Depending on the size of your group, you may wish to insert each child's name in the last line rather than 'library friends' as it develops a more personal relationship between yourself, the child and the family.

Sung to the tune of (*Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush*) **or** your preferred choice.

