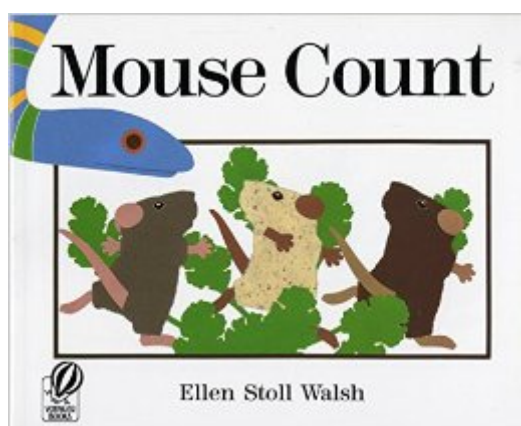


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Mouse Count



Synopsis

In this charming companion to *Mouse Paint*, Ellen Stoll Walsh introduces the concept of counting forward and backward in a suspenseful story that will keep young readers guessing. "The rhythm follows the illustrations in a glissando; one can almost hear the background music." --*The Horn Book*

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Customer Reviews

This book is a really fun one to read aloud to my kindergarten class. It is not scary! They love it! And the fact that snakes eat mice is a basic fact that they understand. I especially like the moral of this story: Don't be greedy! When I read it, I always hear "Read it again, please". To make it even more fun, we get a plastic jar, a toy snake, a rock, and little toy mice to dramatize the story. They love to make the jar rock back and forth until the mice spill out and run away. This is a favorite centertime activity that the kids choose over and over again. It's a great prediction book with basic counting forward and backward concepts imbedded in it. You can't go wrong with this book for the PreK/K range.

This is a darling book for preschoolers and kindergarteners. The Very Hungry Caterpillar meets The Three Billy Goats Gruff and the message is: Don't be greedy! There has been some discussion as to the appropriateness of a snake pursuing a mouse dinner. As a mother of four, grandmother of 6,

credentialed teacher (and current preschool teacher) who homeschooled two of my own children, I have a few thoughts on that. At what point do we teach children about the balance of nature? It is my opinion that it is best to do it very gradually and gently...of which I think this book does a lovely job. The snake is not evil, just hungry. The mice are careful, but sleepy...and then they very cleverly get out of a difficult jam. To overthink this darling story book is a mistake. Just enjoy it!!!!

This book uses a narrative format to introduce the numbers one to ten, and then count back down again. A hungry snake finds ten napping mice and drops them one by one into a jar for safekeeping. "First I will count them and then I will eat them up," said the snake. "Mouse Count! One... two... three..." The mice wake up and convince the snake that he needs one more mouse, a very large one that they point out to him. While the snake goes to capture the other mouse (which is really a large gray rock), the mice tip the jar over. "Ten, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, two, one." The mice uncounted themselves and ran home. The text is easy enough for a beginning reader, and the uncluttered illustrations make counting easy for beginners, too.

I lost my original book and could not be without one in the classroom. It is a favorite of mine and my students. The snake finds a jar and starts collecting sleeping mice to eat, but don't worry they trick the snake and get away. Helps with the concepts of counting on and counting down from 10. We use tiny plastic mice to recreate the story and practice counting. Mouse Paint is another great book by Walsh that works when learning about colors and color mixing. I love when I can combine books and hands on experiences.

My kids love Mouse Paint, so we got Mouse Count, too. This one just doesn't hold their interest near as much. There's less action, I guess, and it is much less imaginative. We were disappointed.

My 4 1/2 year old daughter loves this book that she discovered at preschool. We bought a copy for our house and she "reads" it frequently. It's a well written easy-to-follow story for this age group with cute pictures. We love the way those clever mice outsmart the snake. It also teaches counting and adding skills. It never occurred to us to teach our daughter to count backwards. Thanks to "Mouse Count" she can now count to 20 forward and backwards.

This was a favorite book when I taught preschool and today with my children. The dialogue is great for using fun voices for the snake and the mice and the repetition invites the children to read along.

In our preschool room we often have the children act out Mouse Count. Ten children become mice and one the snake and one a rock with an area marked for the jar. Then the children have to act their parts. We always read it three or four times to give each child a part in the story. When they act out the story they are having a first experience with a play, another way to present pre-literacy skills that will help them learn to read and write and enjoy books. Plus acting the story makes number sense and counting a skill that is useful in the play of the children and a real experience for them to participate in. Mouse Count is a good book to use as a play because it has so many simple parts with easy actions that are fun for the children.

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