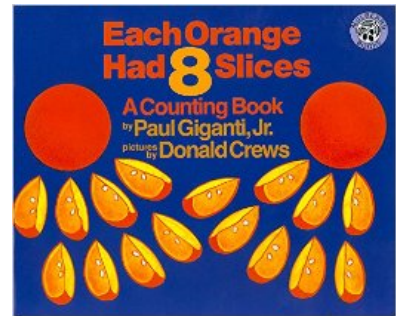


Each Orange Had 8 Slices: A Counting Book

by Paul Giganti Jr. and Donald Crews



This book is full of mathematical possibilities!

As you read this book with your child, take time to pause on each page and have your child pay attention to the detail of the illustrations. Before you even read the words on the page, ask your child,

What do you notice?

What could you count?

If your child understands adding or multiplying, they might use those operations to "count" amounts. If not, you could point out how items are in groups or parts and that can you help you figure out how many there are.

Make your mathematical experiences at home fun and joyful...do not rush your child towards symbolic or abstract mathematics. We know students who enjoy math, stay engaged with math and have strong number sense are more fluent mathematicians in the long run.

After a few pages, instead of reading aloud the questions the author has written, ask your child:

What do you wonder?

What questions do you have?

What problems could you pose?

Have your child make connections to objects in your house –

An orange in the fridge – Do you think it has eight segments? What is your estimate? How many pieces would we each get if we shared the orange? Let's check.

Socks in the drawer – How many pairs do you think there are? What different ways could you count them? How many socks in all if there are two socks in each pair? Do you have enough socks for the whole week?

Have your child draw a math picture or take a math photograph. Ask your child to ask questions and pose problems for you to solve.

Have fun with math at home!

