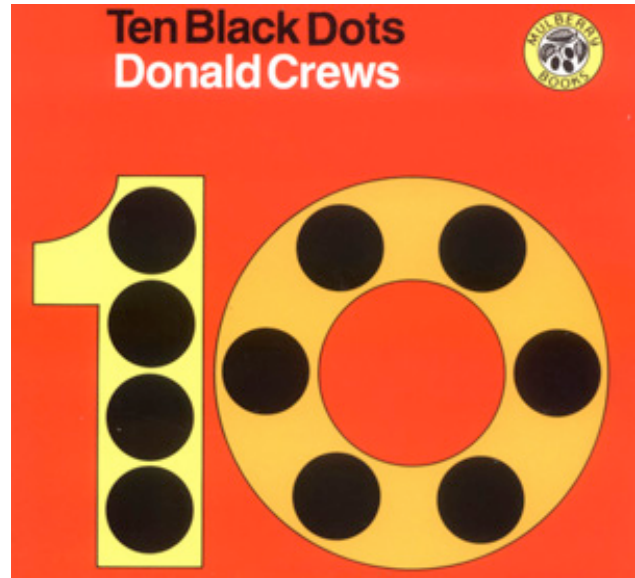


Ten Black Dots

by Donald Crews

Ten Black Dots by Donald Crews is a wonderful book to share with young children. This is a great counting book as well as an example of phonemic awareness with lots of rhyming words within the text. Parents and children will have an enjoyable time sharing this book.



Parents, after reading this book to your child several times have fun completing the following activities.

1. *Go on a Dot Hunt*

See how many round shapes (dots) you can find in your house. See how many round shapes (dots) can you find outside in your yard or neighborhood.

2. *Be an Artist*

Give your child ten dots, paper, and crayons. Encourage them to create a picture with their dots. Talk about the picture your child made and hang it on the refrigerator sing a "dot" magnet.

3. *Listen for Sounds*

Listen for rhyming words. Read the story again to your child. Have your child clap each time he/she hears words that rhyme.

Pairs of rhyming words to listen for:

sun-done

snake-rake

fox-locks

train-rain

face-lace

rank-bank

grow-radio

tree-free

coat-boat

again-ten

hold-old