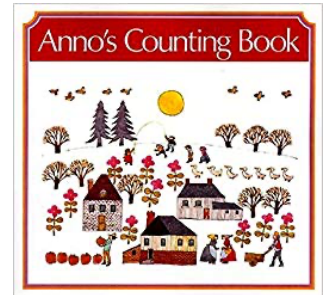


Anno's Counting Book **by Mitsumasa Anno**



This wordless book represents the numbers 1 through 12 in scenes of a growing village across the 12 months of the year.

The first page has a snowy landscape with a river running through it. On the next page, the village begins to appear with one house, one child, one adult, one pine tree, etc.

Objects are added as the village grows. The seasons and activities change. The scenes become more and more complex as the numbers of objects increase.

- As you are reading the story, talk about each scene and ask, “What do you see?” “What do you notice?” Count the objects with your child as they naturally appear. Children who are starting to count have an easier time counting larger objects that are arranged in a line. Children with more counting experience can be encouraged to count the smaller or less obvious objects that are scattered about the page.
- For each scene, describe and tell stories about what is happening in the scenes using number words and other descriptions. “See the children playing at the river? How many are in the water? What are the other children doing?”
- Choose 1 set of pages and find all of the examples of that number. Say the number and name the object that was counted- 5 cats, 5 buildings, etc.
- Choose a number and create/ draw your own page. For example, if you choose the number 3, see how many 3s you can find/ draw - 3 toy trucks, 3 apples, etc.