**Books of the Month**

**Stack the Cats** by Susie Ghahremani  
This adorable and very simple book highlights counting by threes as various cats are stacked one on top of the other. Toddlers and preschoolers will enjoy the vibrant illustrations and the hilarity that ensues when too many cats are stacked. And it’s a wonderful book for adding and subtracting!

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**Other fun books about Math**

**Baby Goes to Market** by Atinuke—A baby carried on his Mother’s back to market provides many opportunities for adding and subtracting. Such a cute story! Older preschool and young school-age.

**Triangle** by Mac Barnett—Hilarious story of the friendship between a triangle and a square.

**One Very Big Bear** by Alice Brière-Haquet—A bear explores his size by comparing himself to other animals. Great book about relative size. Preschool.

**Ducks Away!** by Mem Fox—A mother duck and her babies jump into the water in an cute book about subtraction. Preschool.

**Sam Sorts** by Marthe Jocelyn—This is a terrific book about sorting. Sam sorts his possessions into many different categories. Preschool.

**How Much Does a Ladybug Weigh?** by Alison Limentani—This attractive book compares the weight of many different animals. All ages.

**So Light, So Heavy** by Suzanne Strasser—A young South African girl paints on the walls of her family’s home to call the ancestors to bring clouds and rain to the sky. Preschool and young school-age.

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**Rhyme of the Month**

**Ten Fat Sausages**  
Ten fat sausages frying in a pan.  
One went ‘pop’ and another went ‘bang!’

Eight fat sausages frying in a pan.  
One went ‘pop’ and another went ‘bang!’

Six...

Four...

Two...

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**Poem of the Month**

**One to Ten**

Yut yee sam see  
Count in Cantonese with me!  
Eun look chut bot

Can you tell me what we’ve got?  
Gow sup. One to ten!

(Could you say that once again?)

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Learning Ideas for February:

Funny Critters

Make a list with the words:
- Heads
- Eyes
- Ears
- Mouths
- Arms
- Legs
- Feet

Give each child paper and markers. Encourage them to draw a body—any shape that they want. Let the children choose which body part they want to add. Roll the dice and whatever number is on the dice, that is how many of that body part must be added to their creature.

Talk together about how different all the creatures are.

Play again and add other body parts.

Popsicle Stick Matching

1. With the sticks placed vertically, number each stick from 1 to 10 in bold, black letters. Then, on the remaining ten sticks, make designs using different shapes and colors. You can draw hearts, circles, squares, fish, etc. Just make sure that the number of shapes on each stick matches the numbers in the other set. For example, on one stick you may have one circle, on the next, two hearts, then three stars, and on until you get to ten.

2. When the sticks are all ready, mix them up and let the children sort them—matching the numbered sticks with their shape counterparts.

3. Talk about the shapes and numbers together. Or encourage the children to name the shapes.

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(in the parents/caregivers section of the Kids/Teens menu)