Ten Pigs: An Epic Bath Adventure by Derek Anderson

Reading with Children

Ten Pigs: An Epic Bath Adventure by Derek Anderson is a counting book with bathtub fun. Just as a pig settles into a nice bath he is soon joined by another pig followed by another and another until the bath is full of pigs! This book is perfect for a read aloud and then encouraging children to read the book back to you! This book is full of colorful illustrations that will give non-readers clues of what each page says. This gives a child confidence to practice pre-reading skills while working on their comprehension skills.

Water Play Fun!

Kids LOVE Water play! When kids are beginning to understand numbers and quantities one of the best ways to develop number sense is to handle objects while counting them. Provide children with an imaginary bathtub like a water table or you can use a bowl or plastic cup if you don’t have a water table. Add counting manipulatives like plastic animals, cubes, or game pieces. Let the children pretend to add pigs to the bath while counting. For added fun add things sink and float toys to the water and talk to kids about what the toys are doing.

BUBBLES!!

Bubble Art is a great chance to get messy and create a masterpiece. Mixing food coloring with bubbles and encourage children to blow bubbles onto paper to make a memorable craft. Add a pig in a bathtub to incorporate the book. This project is best done outdoors.

Bathtub Fun

Make the outline of a bathtub on your floor with masking tape. Have everyone climb into the ‘bathtub’ counting as you go. If you run out a people to join your bathtub, add stuffed animals or toys. Add additional fun to your “Bathtub” fun by playing games like “Simon Say”.

Pigs in the Mud

Allow children to finger-paint with chocolate pudding (to look like mud). When dry, allow kids to draw pigs in the mud, glue pig cut-outs or make pig prints in the mud.

Paper Plate PIGS

Make a Pig from a simple paper plate. Simply color or paint the plate pink. Help children cut out shapes from pink paper to add to the plate. Use triangles for the ears, oval for the nose, and circles for the eyes. This activity will reinforce shape identification and build scissor skills.

Pig Snacks

Pigs in the mud
Make chocolate pudding, that is the mud. Add pink mini marshmallows for the pigs!