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Count the creatures that live in the meadow. Fireflies, fish, and frogs are some of the many animals waiting to be counted in this Appalachian rhyme

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Spanish Title: *En aquel prado: Una antigua rima de números*

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Related Books: *Deep in the Swamp* by Donna M. Bateman, *Out on the Prairie* by Donna M. Bateman



Over in the Meadow

Who lives in the meadow?

Math Connections: Use this book to introduce:

Counting and Cardinality

Number Sense

**Activities to Do Together:**

- Count the babies on each page together.
- Compare the number of babies. Which mothers have more babies? Which have less?
- Identify the animals on each page by their characteristics: the mother bird has wings so she can fly, the fish has fins so she can swim.

Vocabulary for Building Math Concepts:

eight, five, four, nine, one, over, seven, six, ten, three, two

Extension Questions:

1. Are there three bluebirds or four bluebirds in this poem? How do you know?
2. Count the baby crows in their nest. How many baby crows would be left if one flew away?
3. Point to the mother animal on each page. Before you read the page, ask your child to count her babies.
4. How many more babies does the mother bluebird have than mother fish?
5. Which mothers have less than five babies? Which have more than five babies?
6. How many babies did mother turtle and mother fish have all together? Show how you know.

Early Math Project Resources:

[How many ways?](#) (English)

[¿De cuántas maneras?](#) (Spanish)

Online Resources:

[Ezra Jack Keats Foundation](#)

[A Guide for Using Over in the Meadow in the Pre-K Classroom 2006-2007, ideas compiled by Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning](#)

[Online version of the poem with instructions for writing numbers 1-10.](#)

