



READING TOGETHER

Painting by Number

Use these simple activities to have fun reading together!

Play an Addition Scavenger Hunt

In the book *Painting by Number*, Tyrell uses addition to count the items needed to paint a mural. Talk to your child about how we can use addition to count objects anywhere! Play a fun scavenger hunt game with your child by following these steps:

1. Choose an item inside or outside your home that you have at least 10 of (for example, buttons, rocks, crayons, spoons, etc.).
2. Place the items around a room or outdoor area.
3. Call out an amount for our child to find—for example, “Find 6 buttons!”
4. When your child has found and brought back the first set, call out another amount for them to find—for example, “Find 5 more buttons!”
5. After your child has found the second set, place the two sets next to each other.
6. Have your child create an addition equation to determine how many items there are in total—for example, “6 buttons + 5 buttons = 11 buttons!”



Talk About the Story

Go to page 16 of the book and, with your child, examine the mural that the artists have painted. Have a discussion about the following questions:

- Who painted the mural?
- What did they decide to paint?
- Why do you think they painted the mural?
- How does the mural make you feel? Do you like it? Why or why not?

Create Art to Express Emotions

Talk to your child about how we can use art to express our emotions. Gather any art supplies you wish to use (for example, paper, crayons, markers, clay, paint, chalk, or even a drawing program on a computer or tablet). Tell your child that you want to share emotions with each other through art. Take some time to each create art that expresses how you are feeling. After you are both finished with your work of art, talk about what you created and what emotions you are expressing.