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Your challenge is to find the sum

Without counting one by one

Why not count? It's much too slow --

Adding is the way to go!

Make clever groups before you start --

Then add them in a way that's smart!

MATH FOR ALL SEASONS will challenge every kid -- and every parent -- to open their minds and solve problems in new and unexpected ways. By looking for patterns, symmetries, and familiar number combinations within eye-catching pictures, math will become easier, quicker, and more fun than anyone could have imagined!

Math for All Seasons Details

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Lisa C says

This is fun mental math. It utilizes addition and some simple subtraction, and some riddles even hint at multiplication (such as five and five and five). For each riddle there is a picture and the child has to figure out the answer in the "clever way" that the riddle requires. A lot of the answers add up to 10, 15 and 20, and then sometimes subtract one or two. My six year old (first grader) who is good at grasping math concepts had no problem figuring out the answers and had fun with it. Good way to deepen child's understanding of addition and subtraction. My one dislike about the book is that it mostly adds up to multiples of five, and I would have liked a little more variation, and maybe a couple harder riddles. I wish there were multiple books for this age, but the author only has one on this level so far. There are two books with simpler math and a few for older kids. We will be looking at some of those.

Suzanne says

This is a very clever book that will inspire students' thinking. The riddles are fun and engaging for people of all ages. This book would be a great way to incorporate literacy in the math class. Students could read the book, and then, they could create their own riddles.

Taylor Horvat says

Personal Reaction: When my math teacher brought this book into our math lab this semester, I really loved it. My favorite part about this book was the riddles. Each page has a wonderful picture that kids have to refer to to figure out the riddle in a clever way. I really liked how each math problem has a poem with it for a certain season of the year. This is a fun alternative to counting that kids will be engaged with more than worksheets or a lecture on counting. My favorite part about this book is that it approaches math in a new way by connecting it to a riddle and a picture, making it fun to learn how to count!

Use & Purpose in the Classroom: This book is a great way to introduce kids to teaching with a read aloud and then also just keeping the book in your bookshelf the rest of the year. This book would be great in a classroom of kindergarten to first graders. After hearing and working through some of the problems in this book, I could ask students to work together to make their own math poems regarding counting. Another great resource associated with this book is a website with examples from the book here:

http://www.gregtangmath.com/books_seasons/ If your classroom has technology, you could have students work on iPads or computers and go through some of these online math problems that are similar to the ones in the book to further develop learning about counting

Other: This book teaches counting in multiple ways. It illustrates counting in pictures by grouping different objects together to get students to see that if they group things together, they can count in a different way than counting one by one. Providing a new way of counting that is more fun and for some students, easier, keeps students engaged and ready to learn about counting.

Danielle says

This is a great book! Each page has a little story problem that coincides with the illustration. It's great for little ones that are learning how to count as well as older kids that are learning addition and subtraction. It doesn't feel like a math book in the traditional sense at all. My kids love it.

Stephanie Watson says

This book teaches children to add creatively rather than count in order to find out how many objects are on each page. I think the skill of looking for patterns to speed count is nicely taught, though it doesn't really coach kids to choose strategies for themselves - it just hints at the particular one they're supposed to use with a riddle. Illustrations and word choice are geared to a young audience, but the riddles are not - so the preschool crowd might enjoy the book but they're just going to count the objects anyway. Older kids (2nd grade and up, probably) will get the riddles.

Anne Dulzo says

Genre: Poetry

Unique Feature: Introduces students to math and poetry for younger students. It shows pictures to help them do math problems, patterns in the pictures and gives them hints and tips on how to solve the problems.

Grade Levels: I would probably say kindergarten and or first grade. Most of the problems are just counting or adding problems.

Jordyn Matthews says

Math for All Seasons, written by Greg Tang, is a math riddle books that uses the counting of animals and other objects that help children learn math. On each page, there is a situation where the reader has to count up a certain amount of something and solve the riddle of how many there are. The riddles are also based on the seasons that take place through a year.

This book is a great approach to teaching math. Instead of being a regular, boring math textbook, it adds in riddles, a back story, and colorful illustrations to make it more interesting. Because of these aspects, a child would be more likely to pick up this book and want to learn from it. I believe that I could use this book in my classroom by taking the children through each riddle and incorporating it into a math lesson.

Another thing I really enjoyed, as mentioned before, is the colorful illustrations. On each page, including the cover, are bright illustrations of animals, the outdoors, and other objects that really bring the story to life.

Jessica says

This book is a great book to give to students struggling with dividing or grouping numbers. I felt that it can be a fun alternative to doing math problems. Even though this book has math problems it does it in a fun interactive way. The illustrations are used to help with the math problems. It gives a visual to the word math problem.

Cindy Watson says

If you are looking for a way to integrate math and reading in your classroom or at home, then this is the book for you! I was introduced to Greg Tang books when my intern needed to do an author study! Out of many choices, I told her that Greg Tang might suit our class. Many students are below grade level in math. When we began reading them aloud, the students were very interested in the books. I had to buy this book for my class first! Some of the kids even wrote down his name so they can go to their local library to find his other books. This book was useful in helping the kids with repeated addition leading to multiplication. Strategies like finding patterns, symmetries and making equally sized groups help with the concept of multiplication and fractions that we are working on in class.

"Math for all Seasons" is kid friendly in that it uses rhyming to bring the message across. Some of the lingo can go over students head but at least they will be prepared when we get to the short poetry unit in third quarter. Moreover, if students can understand and find patterns in math, they can remember strategies taught to assist in solving problems successfully. I will continue to use Greg Tang' books to help assist students move towards being on grade level in math.

Christine Turner says

Greg Tang follows up the fun, innovative, New York Times bestseller GRAPES OF MATH with his second uproariously punny math book and this time with a theme of seasons and a focus on groups of fives. Children will look for patterns, symmetries, and familiar number combinations within eye-catching pictures; math will become easier, quicker, and more fun than anyone could have imagined!

Margaret Chind says

Math for All Seasons is my first Greg Tang book, but I believe I will have to seek out a copy of the Grapes of Math. I love the full-color full page word problems that make my kiddo think. My second grade child truly thinks it is neat. I wouldn't hesitate to introduce this book to a first grader either. We bought this on a school resource recommendation.

Nicole says

My personal reaction of the book was that it has alternatives to what we normally do in math. They are asking for you not to count. Which I like. For example, "Your challenge is to find the sum Without counting one by one Why not count? It's much too slow." Adding is the way to go! Not only do you

have to critically think about the problem but it forces you to find a new way to solve it. I think children will see the real world examples of how math is used everyday.

The purpose of this book would be independent reading for finding alternative ways to solve math problems. This book would be suitable for third graders. I would use this book to help my students creatively think about math. Make it more fun and helps find new ways to solve math problems. I would not read the whole book to them simple do a problem a day that corresponds to the lesson i planned. Also with each problem came a different season of the year. Incorporating seasons in this "math" book allows the children to learn without even realizing. This book incorporates lots of riddles that hook the students engagement.

ABC says

This book is a series of math problems, each with a poem relating to a time of the year. The math problems are all pretty similar. Rather than just count the objects, the author wants your child to group the objects. So there might be three rows of five objects: $5+5+5=15$ or two rows of three objects and one row of two objects: $3+3+3=9-1=8$

All the problems are simple for an adult, but sometimes I didn't quite know what the author was aiming at, so I always looked at the answer key in the back before doing the problem with my son.

My six year old said he really liked this book, so I gave it four stars.

One thing though: It's hard to force your child to count the way the author wants the objects to be counted. Often my son would count them, then I would explain the way using addition.

We didn't do this book straight through. I would sometimes pull it out and we would do one problem and put it away. It took about a month to finish the book.

Sarah Middlestead says

Very simplistic. Suited to pre-school or kindergarten.

Kayla Heenan says

Personal Reaction:

I enjoyed this book but it was not one that I was jumping for joy over. I thought that the book would be good for a math lesson but it would not be a must. I did enjoy the illustrations and the creativity in the book, especially the humor that went into it.

Purpose/Use in Classroom:

This would obviously be a book that I would read aloud to my students during the math unit about addition. I could have students involved in the story as much if not more than I would be by helping me read and answering problems. When it comes to reading this story individually I could see students in the second grade reading it. Also particularly the students who needed extra help when it comes to addition.

Elements:

The illustrations played a major part. It allowed students to see how things were being added rather than just

reading about it. Books like this one are perfect for the visual learner. In regards to math, this is a good book to keep in the classroom.
