

WISCONSIN BOOKWORMS

Activity Sheet



“Dozens of Dachshunds”

By Stephanie Calmenson

A counting, woofing, wagging book. A lively stream of dachshunds, cleverly dressed as hot dogs, dinosaurs, birds, bees, books and more parade across the pages to join together for Dachshund Day fun. How many dogs can you count on each page?

Before you read this book:

Counting is a breeze when you count things you love. Have kids practice counting to 12 and name their favorite animal. In this book, dozens of dachshunds come together to celebrate Dachshund Day.

While you read this book:

Look for the Dachshund on each page and spot their wild costumes. As you read the book, pause on each page, and point out all the Dachshunds you see. On the page with “78 Dachshunds” pick out your favorite Dachshund and favorite costume. If you can, count out all the Dachshunds and join in as they sing their Dachshund song!

After you read this book:

- Have the children count some of their favorite things. It can be toys, animals, or even books!
- Use the “78 Dachshunds” page to play eye spy with the Dachshunds and their owners.
- Look up your child’s favorite kind of animal. Count all the different types of the animal. Practice your categories by counting by size, type, or color.

Try this at home:

- Sort and count things at home by color, size, etc.
- Play I spy with numbers. Have children find different totals of items in a variety of categories.
- Practice counting by groups. Use an egg carton or paper cups to place 2,3, or four items in. Have children practice counting by groups.
- Incorporate counting while you’re on the go. Count the numbers of people you pass, the number of red cars you see, anything you can see you can count!

Additional Counting Resources:

“Animal Counting a Pop-Up book” by Petr Horacek

“Stack the Cats” by Susie Ghahremani

“123 to the Zoo” by Eric Carle