

# Bear Counts

By Karma Wilson • Illustrated by Jane Chapman

## Enjoy the Book Together

- Bear is very popular—he has *many* friends. Go through the book together and help your child find the animal names on each page. Then say the letters in the names.
- Now, search for details! Look closely at the first two pages of the story. Ask your child to find the bird, the spider, the feather, the dragonfly, and the ladybug.

## Make Personal Connections

- Talk about breakfast! Who do you eat breakfast with? What do you like to eat? What do you like to do during breakfast (*besides* eat, of course)? Do you like to count things, like Mouse and Bear do?
- While Bear likes to count with his friends, Mouse and Hare like to share. Which friends do you like to spend time with? What do you like to do with them? Why?

### Literacy Tip

The author and the illustrator do something clever in this book. The animals and objects on each page reflect the number mentioned in the story. The pictures tell you what the next number will be before the text does!

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“Numbers, numbers everywhere.  
Can you count along with Bear?”

Do what Bear does and count what you see!

Find **TWO** of something wherever you are,  
and draw them in the box below.

What did you find? Ask for help writing the word  
on the line!



What about **THREE** of something? Draw them in the box  
below, and ask for help (if you need it) writing on the line!

