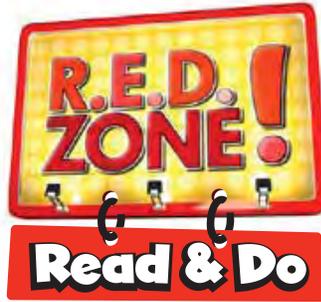


# THE TWELVE DAYS OF WINTER A SCHOOL COUNTING BOOK

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Count along with this rambunctious class as the teacher introduces a new winter activity every day. A great introduction to numbers and counting.



## Read

### Before:

Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow that with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *This is a counting book so try and remember what the teacher gave to the class on each day from the first day through the twelfth day.* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an “I wonder” statement based on the cover illustration.

- I wonder what the teacher is going to do to that squirrel who is throwing acorns at her?

### During:

Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions, and predict what will happen next in the story. The illustrations in this book are very detailed so allow plenty of time for the children to look. Point out “rare words” (e.g., those words that are not commonly used in every day conversation) and help the children relate the meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

### Rare Words in *The Twelve Days of Winter: A School Counting Book*

- snipping: to cut something with scissors using a short, quick stroke
- stitching: a short length of thread or yarn passed through two pieces of material to join them together

### After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- One...check out the teacher's earrings.
- Two...whose purple mitten is being cut?
- Three...where does that penguin think he's going?
- Four...what are the four weather words?
- Five...is that a mouse on skates?
- Six...what are they using for stuffing?
- Seven...spy two more weather words!
- Eight...why is the teacher wearing earphones?!
- Nine...what word are the worms spelling out?
- Ten...how many birds are sitting on the windowsill?
- Eleven...what are the cubes made out of?
- Twelve...do you see a squirrel jumping rope?

## Do

### Mitten Match

Download and copy the Mitten Match printable on [www.bookitprogram.com/redzone/printables](http://www.bookitprogram.com/redzone/printables) so each child has their own sheet. Follow the directions and match the mittens!

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