

Suggestions for using *Ten, Nine, Eight*

- Distribute copies of the books to parents and caregivers. Ask the adults to hold their children in their laps and follow along as you read the book aloud. Encourage the adults to join you in choral reading at key points of the story, (repetitive phrases, point out colors, names of animals, etc.).
- Point out ways that this book builds early literacy skills:
 - **Read together** – Babies and toddlers love looking at illustrations of other babies. Encourage the parents/caregivers to have fun looking at the pictures of the babies in this book. If babies are able, encourage them to hold the book and turn pages. This builds print motivation, a child's interest in and enjoyment of books.
 - **Sing together** – Sing *Where is Thumbkin*. When we sing with young children they hear that words are made up of different sounds. This builds phonological awareness.
 - **Write together** – Trace the numerals in this book. This helps build concentration and fine motor skills for writing!
 - **Play together** – Babies and young children learn through play. Play with pretend food or insect puppets to help them connect to this story.
 - **Talk together** – Talking with your babies and young children helps them know that they are precious and loved. It helps them learn that we communicate through language and words.
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- Literacy handouts for parents and caregivers are available on the SCLS early literacy page at: <http://www.scls.info/ys/earlyliteracy/index.html>
- Please share your ideas for using *Ten, Nine, Eight* Write up a description of your program and place a copy in this folder.

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SCLS Board Book Kit Contents

(Return folder with kit to delivery - ZZZ)

Please make sure that the following items are returned to the Board Book Kit:

1. 20 copies of ***Ten, Nine, Eight*** (board books are numbered)
2. Guidelines folder, containing:
 - a. Suggestions for using ***Ten, Nine, Eight***
 - b. Copy of “Early literacy begins with you” handout. You are welcome to copy this sheet and distribute it to parents and caregivers. An editable copy of this handout is available at:
<http://www.scls.info/ys/earlyliteracy/handouts/Earlyliteracybeginswithyou.docx>

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