The Little Red Hen (Makes a Pizza): Book
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The Little Red Hen (Makes a Pizza) can help build both math concepts and literacy skills. The story is about a Little Red Hen who discovers that she needs a pan and the ingredients to make a pizza, so she asks her friends for help. They are too busy, so the Little Red Hen does all the work herself. When the pizza is ready, they gladly accept her invitation to dinner and also agree to wash the dishes!

Learning Focus
Your child will learn about some math concepts such as counting, comparing, sequencing and quantities. The story will also help your child build her knowledge about the importance of planning, shopping, and helping friends.

Reading Together
The first time you read a book the goal is to enjoy the experience. Spend time discovering the story events and characters with your child. Read with lots of expression and pause to comment on the illustrations. As you read, use lots of expression to draw your child into the story. Talk with your child about what happens in the story.

- Point out how The Little Red Hen was feeling when duck, dog, and cat, would not help her as she gathered ingredients to make the pizza
- Invite your child to repeat the phrase, “Not I, said the duck.”
- Relate the story to your child’s life. “How would you feel if your friends kept saying they were not going to help you? What might you do?”
- Use the pictures and encourage your child to make predictions. “What do you think will happen next?”

Read it Again!
This book is full of whimsical characters that you and your child are sure to enjoy each time you read the story. Next time, talk about the number and different kinds of toppings The Little Red Hen purchased and how much she put on the pizza. You can also talk about the steps and sequence The Little Red Hen used to make a pizza. Explore these math concepts and as always follow your child’s interests.

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