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Each ring of the doorbell brings more friends to share the delicious cookies Ma has made in this beloved classic.

This enjoyable read-aloud picture book about friendship, sharing, and cookies can also be used to introduce basic math concepts to young children. "Refreshing, enjoyable, and unpredictable."—*School Library Journal*

Pat Hutchins is the celebrated creator of numerous award-winning books for children, including *Rosie's Walk*, *Titch*, and *Don't Forget the Bacon!* *The Doorbell Rang* was named a Notable Book for Children by the American Library Association.

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Amandasaved says

So this book was on Reading Rainbow I think. When I began to read it to my daughter I got a flash back of hearing this story. It's actually really cute, and I wonder if there is a sequel to it, because I have some questions:

How do all 12 kids know Sam and Victoria's Grandma? Like is she world famous for her cookies or what?

Also, All these kids need to learn to wipe their feet. This poor mother made cookies and is washing the tile floor but every time the doorbell rings the kids trek in mud all over her floor. She is also really happy to have the kids over, which I get, I love having company too, but she doesn't even ask them to wipe their feet. Does she have an infinite amount of floor cleaner?

Also, why is she cleaning the floor in blue slingbacks? Did Moms in 1986 (when this book was written) clean their house in slingbacks? If so, I feel really sad for wearing the mom uniform of today (yoga pants and husband's tees).

Natalie Greaves says

I really enjoyed reading this story. It has very colorful illustrations and just enough text on the pages. This book could be used for a math activity in a class. It can also be used to teach children about sharing. It is good for really young children such as 3-4 year olds and can also be used for children who are a little older such as 5-6 year olds.

Karen says

Good book about sharing and math!..krb 2/10/16

Dolly says

Now this is how you incorporate math into a story. The rhythmic, repetitive narrative and simple, but entertaining plot have a math lesson woven into them without being overly didactic. The way in which the cookies are divided based on the number of children is easy to understand.

The illustrations are not my favorite, but they are cartoonish and colorful and help tell the story. We really enjoyed reading this book together.

Becca Ramsey says

This book is a cute book for sure. The story is about a little boy and girl whose grandmother made them

cookies. They were so happy because they were each going to get 6 each. However, their friends kept ringing the doorbell and coming in. Before long, there were 12 friends over, which meant everyone only got 1 cookie. The little girl was upset because she wanted more cookies. The door bell rang one last time and the Ma told them that they better eat their cookie before she opened the door because they didn't have anymore cookies to share. The little boy told them to wait because he was being very nice and was going to open the door for whoever it was. IT turned out to be grandma and she had another tray full of cookies. They each were able to have multiple cookies thanks to grandma. The story line is so cute and would be a great book to teach to the younger grades about sharing. There is benefit in sharing. As long as you are willing to share, there always tends to be an award in the end. After I got done reading, I would get the students to write about a time that their grandmother, aunt, uncle, grandpa or mom made them something and they were forced to share it but really didn't want to but did it anyways because they knew it was the right thing to do. I really liked how this book taught a lesson of how to be generous and to try to include everyone no matter the situation. Thats a good lesson to teach to children. Questions that I would ask while reading:

-On page 3, who do you think is at the door?

-On page 10, what do you notice about Victoria's face?

-On page 18, what do you think the children are going to do?

-On the last page, how do you think Sam felt after he opened the door and saw that it was grandma.

Sterlande Altidor says

This book is perfect for reading out loud in a classroom. It is a great book to teach children about mathematics such as division. It is great that the ending event reinforces this spirit of generosity. In addition to the idea of sharing, children can also think about and learn a little basic arithmetic. The illustrations of this book are colorful, and talk about diversity among people. I think that everyone needs to read this book, because it teaches children about sharing friendships.

Laura says

This is such a cute picture book! Ma makes cookies and sets the plate in front of her two children to share. They get six each. The doorbell rings again and again, each time bringing more friends to share the cookies. The kids keep sharing until they each only have one cookie on their plates. And the doorbell rings again! What will they do?

I love the sharing and caring for others going on in this picture book. The math lesson of dividing the cookies among the friends is easy for kids to understand. Great book on many levels!

Lyla Muhlenkamp says

The Doorbell Rang is such a fun and simple book to read to students. It's about a mother who bakes her two kids a plate of cookies, but then more and more kids start to come and they have to keep dividing the cookies by everyone that is there. They were to the point where each kid received one cookie, until the doorbell rang again. It was their grandma, who had another whole plate of cookies. This is a simple book that you could really get the kids to interact with you in. I really liked this book because it was well written and fun.

Ryan says

The Doorbell Rang is another great book by Pat Hutchins. A mom makes more than enough cookies for her two kids and tells them they can share the cookies with each other. They count out how many they each get. Then the Doorbell rings and they redistribute the cookies evenly between four kids instead. Every time they are about to eat their cookies, the Doorbell rings again and more friends show up to share the cookies, until there is only enough for each child to have one cookie each.

This is a good book for kids who love to count. Cookies are a fun way to do math. It's good for reinforcing the value of sharing. The art is great. The text is simple, fun and repetitive. He never gets tired of it.

Paloma Calvillo says

The book The Doorbell rang is about a mother who bakes delicious cookies enough for her children, but what will she do when her doorbell rings and rings with each one more children coming in to snatch a bite of her homemade cookies? This is a great and easy read for children. It has just enough excitement, fun, and suspense to keep the reader going. The loud colors of the illustrations also keeps the readers eyes focused on the characters.

The text structure was in a sequence because it went step by step as to what was happening and what was to come. Every time the doorbell rang it was a new set of children. The way the sentences were for example would be the doorbell rang and then it rang again. The tone was upbeat and hopeful. The whole story the kids were so excited that their moms cookies smelled just as good as their grandma's. It kept you waiting and hoping that Grandma might show up.

The use of gaze was used throughout the whole book to clearly depict the facial expressions on each characters face. Every time the doorbell rang you saw the faces and anxiousness and anticipation to see who would come in next. The use of color and patterns was also used to grab the reader's attention to indicate the importance of the setting.

This book is contemporary realistic fiction because it was set in the real world with very real life problems. The situation was something that could possibly happen to anyone of use. It was set in a believable world.

Monique Williams says

This is a book that could be used for math and when used with a felt board is very useful for teaching one-to-one correspondence. The book also teaches social emotional skills about sharing. Not only is this book good for counting it can also be used to teach higher level math such as subtraction or division.

Sheeba Virani says

What an interesting way of introducing children to the concept of fractions and division. Children identify with real life experiences such as the one this book talks about. These can be used to teach children about dividing in order to share.

Extension

After reading the book divide children into 3 groups of even numbers. Give each group a large cookie or pizza. Then ask each group to cut the number of members in each group and discuss how many pieces each item needs to be cut into so each member gets an equal share. Once done the children can enjoy their food.

Rhonda Davis, Ph.D., CCC-SLP says

This delightful book was read by both my children in homeschool. They love it and still reread it. It has full-size illustrations which add details to the simple, repetitive language. It was a great way to introduce fractions. It also is a nice spinoff book for the topic of sharing with others. I enjoyed looking at the details in the background of the scenes as well--so I did not become bored as it was read again and again with them! Pat Hutchins did a great job keeping a simple story moving forward in this one.

Katie says

Yes, I am in a weird mood, so this is a weird "review." Don't say I didn't warn you.

The recipe for a good reading of this book.

Est. Time: 20 minutes

Ingredients:

Brain Sprinkles

The book

Plastic cookies

Children

Imagination

This recipe works best when all children are in one specific area (for instance, on a rug) together. Begin by tossing the brain sprinkles to the children. They will get excited, and possibly begin hopping about whilst squealing and throwing their hands in the air. That is perfectly normal, do not be alarmed. Eventually once the brain sprinkles begin to take hold they will simmer down (there is a bond between the brain sprinkles and the children which causes them to sit quietly and listen). While the children sit quietly begin to read the book. When appropriate use plastic cookies to demonstrate sharing. Beware, some children have a stronger attraction to the plastic cookies. They may need to be coerced into letting them go. The children may also respond well to encouraged participation (for instance, being allowed to sing the door bell sound every time in rings in the book). As you near the end of the book the children may begin to show signs of excitement(the brain sprinkles only have a limited lifespan within the human body), this is where you will need to use the most magical of all ingredients, imagination. There are many different ways to check to make sure the recipe has been completed, but the determining factor will always be the children. Smiles, laughing, jumping up and down, and making funny noises, are all signs of successful completion.

:) That is all.

Paiton Larson says

Ma makes cookies for Victoria and Sam. They split them evenly between themselves, but then their friends come over. They decide that each person can have three cookies, but then two more friends came. They decide each person now got two cookies, but then six more friends came. The children decided that each child now got one cookie. The doorbell rang again and luckily it was grandma with a whole new tray of cookies.

This story has a good idea for teaching fractions, unfortunately the fractions are explicitly stated. I could still see myself using this in my classroom as I could pull fractions from the book myself, and ask my class about them.
