

Kitten Castle

Grade 1

3 skill lessons · 3 math-through-reading

Skill lessons

3 lessons on the mathematics the book carries. Printable workbook pages and teacher keys are not available for this book yet.

1. Does It Fit? Four Kittens, Four Boxes

Concept · Deciding whether an object fits a container by direct comparison

2. Curvy, Square, High, Low

Representation · Describing and sorting containers by shape and height

3. Nine Pets, and Then Four More

Fluency · Counting a collection of groups and counting on from a known total

Math through the reading

The mathematics is reached through a sentence the book prints: change one word in the reading and the numbers change with it. These carry their own standards, matched against these lessons rather than inherited from the skill ones.

4. Each Kitten, Its Own Room

Integrated · Students build the castle twice, once from the book's sentence and once from a sentence with one word changed, and count the two different castles.

5. How Many Rooms Does the Castle Have?

Integrated · Students answer a number the book never prints, and hold up the sentence that made them sure of it.

6. Were Nine Pets Enough?

Integrated · Students take a side on Mr. Cole's own question and say it to him with a number in it.

Reading and language lessons

5 lessons on the reading and language the book carries - what a word means in its sentence, how a character is shown, how a text is built. No mathematics: these are matched against the English language arts curricula, which are a different and smaller set than the mathematics ones.

7. Fudge and Trouble: names that come from what a kitten does

Concept · Working out why a name fits by reading what the animal does

8. The kittens must go, and what Tom says to do

Reasoning · Saying what the trouble is and what the characters decide to do about it

9. Too boxy: why one box failed and the next one worked

Reasoning · Saying what went wrong and what fixed it

10. They called. They looked. They put out snacks.

Concept · Hearing a writer repeat the same sentence shape on purpose

11. Retelling how the kittens were saved

Application · Retelling a story part in the order it happened