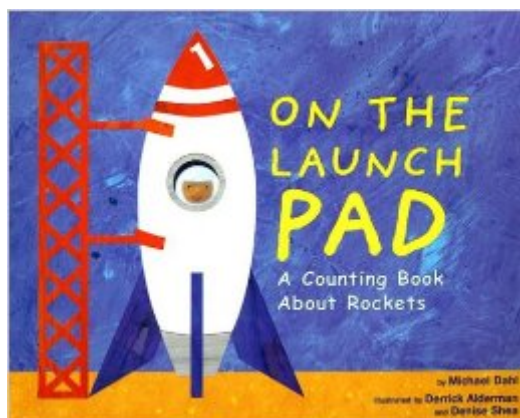


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# On The Launch Pad: A Counting Book About Rockets (Know Your Numbers)



## Synopsis

A countdown from twelve to one as a space shuttle awaits liftoff. Readers are invited to find hidden numbers on an illustrated activity page.

## Book Information

Lexile Measure: AD 520L (What's this?)

Series: Know Your Numbers

Paperback: 24 pages

Publisher: Picture Window Books (January 1, 2004)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1404811192

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Product Dimensions: 0.2 x 11 x 9.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 6.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.4 out of 5 starsÂ Â See all reviewsÂ (49 customer reviews)

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

My almost three-year-old is a big fan of planes and rockets. On the Launch Pad is a big hit with him. As the one who is reading and rereading this book to him, I thoroughly enjoy it each time. I like how each number presents facets of a rocket launch. I enjoy the art and have found it fun to see where the artist has hidden each of the twelve numbers. It is a nice (backwards) counting book which exposes its readers to the different people and elements that are part of a rocket launch. It is also a very inclusive book with men and women of different ethnicities portrayed. I found it to be a fun and engaging read!

Interesting facts told in a way that is a fun "read" for my 2 year old granddaughter - who is going to be an astronaut! - but informative for the adult reader along the way. Great illustrations.

Pretty cute little book, I bought it in conjunction with the Stomp Rocket Junior (HIGHLY

recommend). Don't think I would buy it again but the kids like it - there are probably better books, and this is a bit flimsy.

My 3 year old son is somewhat entertained but already growing weary of the book after a couple of days. I'm not a children's story snob but the graphics could have been more creatively produced. For instance, there are 8 gas tanker trucks. Each tanker truck looks coincidentally like every other tanker truck because the artist (under a \$30 budget no doubt) copied and pasted the same truck 7 more times. That's nice for counting but not so nice for keeping a child interested in the book for long. Same goes for the pages filled with the engineers looking at their computer screens, which have nothing on them. If there were at least neat pictures of the rocket, launch pad, astronauts, etc. he'd be entertained enough to look at the pictures. Instead he asks me what those people are doing. I tell him they're nerds playing Halo. Overall it's an ok book, just not one to repeat on demand like so many others.

My students sure had fun counting with me as we read the story together - Shared Reading. The pictures captured their interest and there was just the right amount of text per page. They loved the anticipation of counting and were excited for me to call on each of them to help me count. Very engaging for my students (3-5 year olds with Special Needs).

I thought this book would be good for my two-year-old who likes rockets, but it's actually pretty boring for him. He is learning to count, but even that doesn't seem very exciting in this book. We have yet to get through it without him losing interest, and he never asks to read it.

our space-obsessed 3 year old loves EVERYTHING rocket. After visiting Kennedy Space Center, he is able to name waaaaaay more details about space stuff than I ever thought a 3 year old could. These books are great starting points to get him chattering away on rocket stuff.

I sent this book to my grandson for his 2nd birthday. Both he and his 4 year old sister liked them very much. They live in Texas and I live in New Mexico, so I've not seen the book but their dad sent a picture of them with the books I sent and they both had big smiles!

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