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Lyle Crocodile has a job walking dogs! Lyle loves dogs, but how many can he handle all at once?

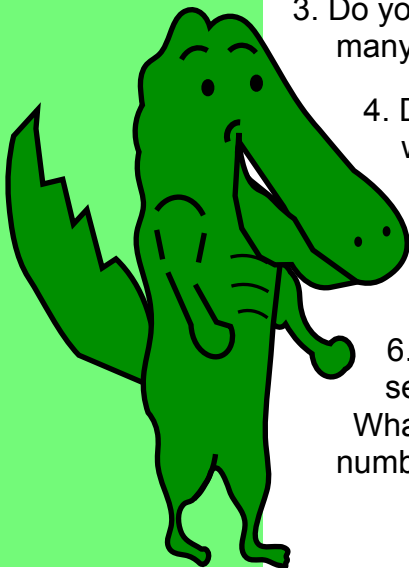
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Lyle Walks the Dogs

How many dogs can Lyle walk at once?

Math Connections:

Counting Ordinal numbers

Activities to Do Together:

- Stop and count the dogs on each page together.
- Before taking a walk, talk about the steps you take to prepare for the walk: “First we put on our shoes, second we put on our coats, third...”
- Count the dogs you encounter while walking in the park; discuss the differences in the dogs’ color, shape, and size.
- Write the ordinal numbers together as words and symbols: first 1st, second 2nd, third 3rd...
- Talk about the characteristics that all dogs share and how dogs are different from one another. Recognizing common characteristics will help them with algebra and higher mathematics.

Extension Questions:

1. How many dogs do you think you could walk at one time? As many as Lyle, or more than Lyle? Less than Lyle?
2. Are all of Lyle’s dogs the same? What differences do you notice?
3. Do you think Lyle kept walking more and more dogs? How many do you think he could handle at once?
4. Do you think a dog could walk a crocodile? Why or why not? How many crocodiles do you think a dog could walk? Tell me why you think that.
5. How are dogs and crocodiles the same? How are they different?
6. The first couple of ordinal numbers are first, second, and third. They tell the order something is in. What are the ordinal names of the next several numbers?

Vocabulary for Building Math Concepts:

all, count, eight, eighth, fifth, first, five, four, fourth, nine, ninth, one, picking up (rate), second, seven, seventh, six, sixth, ten, tenth, third, three, two, under

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