

Pancakes for Breakfast by Tomie dePaola

AGE LEVEL 3–5 YEARS

About the Story

“Pancakes for Breakfast” is a nearly-wordless book about a woman who wants to make pancakes, but realizes that she does not have all the ingredients for the recipe. So she goes out looking for eggs and more. While she is gone, disaster occurs. How will she deal with it? Will she get her pancakes?



Copyright © 1978 by Tomie dePaola

Words to Learn

NUMBERS

one, two, three, four, five, six

SEQUENCING WORDS

third, last, after

MEASUREMENT UNITS

cups, ounces

About the Math

The illustrations offer a lot of opportunities to explore math, such as how to:

- Count objects in a collection, like the number of eggs.
- Understand that recipes require careful measurement of each ingredient.
- Use words like first, second, and next to talk about the order in which things happen.



Copyright © 1978 by Tomie dePaola

Math Talk During Reading

COUNT AND COMPARE THINGS

I see one dog on this page. How many chickens are there? Are there more dogs or chickens?

TALK ABOUT QUANTITIES

She needs two cups of milk. How many eggs does she need to make pancakes?

EXPLORE THE ORDER OF THE RECIPE

What ingredient does she need to add second to make pancakes? How about next?

TALK ABOUT WHERE THINGS ARE LOCATED

Where is the dog on this page? Is it on or under the table?

Try to come up with some of your own questions and comments, too!

Activity After Reading

FOLLOW A RECIPE TO MAKE PANCAKES TOGETHER

Figure out how much of each ingredient is needed and the order in which ingredients should be added.