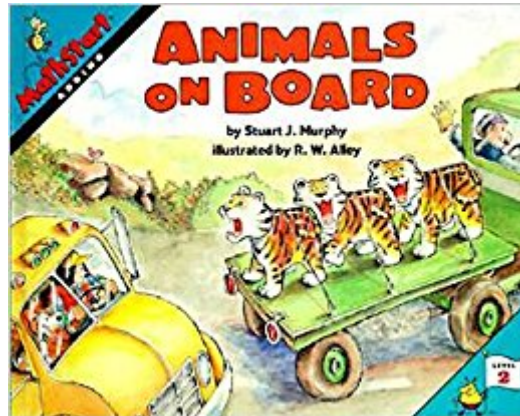




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# Animals On Board (MathStart 2)



## Synopsis

Ride along with trucker Jill and her dog as they add up the animals zooming by. But these are no ordinary animals, and they're bound for a surprise destination! Ride along with trucker Jill and her dog as they add up the animals passing by on other trucks. But these are no ordinary animals, and they're bound for a surprise destination! Lively illustrations by R.W. Alley make adding truckloads of fun.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 10 years

Grade Level: 1 and up

## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 2-This picture book tells a story and reinforces the concept of addition. The lively watercolor illustrations serve both missions well. While on the road, a female truck driver and a dog are passed by many other vehicles loaded with various animals. As their journey advances so do the math problems, going from the simple " $3 + 2 = 5$ " to the final " $9 + 0 = 9$ ." However, there is no logical progression in the examples provided; why does " $6 + 1 = 7$ " follow " $3 + 2 = 5$ ?" The text is told in rhyme, which adds to the sense of movement but it is rather singsong. All of the characters end up at a carousel (made from the drivers' freight) and the final illustrations capture their joy and excitement. The book ends with a two-page spread of suggested activities for kids and adults. The

"Level 2" designation suggests that this is designed for ages 6 and up but the simplicity of the story and rhyme as well as the juvenile nature of the illustrations would be more appealing to a younger audience. Edith Ching, St. Albans School, Mt. St. Alban, Washington, DC Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From the MathStart series, this story in rhyme lays out five simple addition problems. A truck driver, Jill, watches as a series of trucks--all pulling different animals--pass her by. The math gets worked into the story as Jill adds, for example, the six swans on one truck to the one swan on a second truck ( $6+1=7$  is imbedded in the text). Using this pattern, the reader is able to practice addition while guessing the trucks' final destination. The last line of the story reads "Can you find 5 tigers, 7 swans, 8 frogs, 10 horses, and 9 pandas?" , and Alley's watercolor shows a giant carousel. Two pages of activities are appended, but an obvious omission is asking children to calculate the total number of animals on the carousel. Kathy Broderick --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This book was suggested to use with CCGPS math. First graders found it rather boring and it did not keep their attention at all

My bus riders will think this is for them. Excited for our new school year to begin.

Great learning tool. I used it to teach my students and added games and cut outs to the reading.

This is an awesome book to help teach simple addition problems up to 10. Stuart J. Murphy gives teachers a fun way to help their students learn.

A great book for teaching academics to kindergarten age children.

I teach kindergarten and have used this book for lessons on or related to adding. The kids love it and I love stories to use with math.

Interesting comments (below) about this book, BUT I have to say that we didn't even notice the fact that the equations and the sequence of the numbers didn't match until I read the reviews here. In any case, let me give you our viewpoints on the book. First the equations covered:  $3 + 2 = 5$   $6 + 1 =$

$74 + 4 = 87 + 3 = 109 + 0 = 9$  Now, with only 5 equations you won't be producing a math whiz, but what you can do is introduce the idea of equations and addition to children. Personally I am using this book with my preschooler (boy-4 yo). [It is too limited in scope for my 6 yo Kindergarten age daughter.] We count the animals and I ask him to read the equation, and he IS grasping the basic idea of addition and formulas. The way that the equation is shown with pictures of the animals right above the animals helps a lot in getting this across. Four Stars. Colorful bright book that addresses simple equations in a manner that (some) preschoolers and most older children can readily understand. The concept is interesting to children and done in a way that makes sense to them.

The concept for the book is very nice: adding everyday objects. The problem comes in the way the drawings are done. On one page, we see a truck carrying three tigers. On the next page, a truck carrying two more tigers follows the first. Below is a billboard with the equation:  $3+2=5$ . Enter the problem. Whereas in the equation the number 3 is on the left, in the illustration the picture of the truck with the three tigers is on the right side. Similarly, the 2 in the equation is to the right of the 3, in the drawing the truck with the two tigers is on the far left. It would have been \*much\* nicer if the layout of the equation and the layout of the truck corresponded to one another. On a finer point, because in the USA (and obviously in other parts of the world) we read from left to right it's consistent to teach children to work this way, too. Having children jump around to count first the three tigers on the right, then jump left to count the remaining two can cause unnecessary confusion. To be fair, above the equation are pictures of the corresponding number of tigers, so the tigers can be counted/viewed there also. Still, the awkward positioning is unfortunate. The rhyming text is adequate, but nothing special. The illustrations are very nice. They manage to be interesting and colorful without distracting from the actual story. From the rave reviews I read on the MathStart series, I expected more.

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