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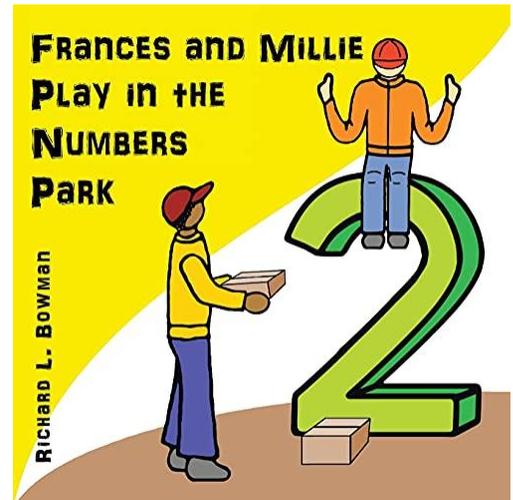
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New illustrated book makes learning math easy and fun for preschoolers

Author Richard L. Bowman delights young children with his new book 'Frances and Millie Play in the Numbers Park'



HARRISONBURG, Va. – Richard L. Bowman returns to the publishing scene with “Frances and Millie Play in the Numbers Park” ([published by WestBow Press](#)), an illustrated children’s book designed to introduce young readers to numbers, the concept of counting objects, and the beginnings of arithmetic in the format of an enjoyable story.

Frances and Millie are two young girls who have developed a close friendship as neighbors even though they are from two cultures. The girls go to a local park with large numbers as sculptures to climb and play on. The children, having this book read to them, can learn to connect the symbols and words for the numbers from zero to 10, and 100 and infinity. In the end, they will be introduced to adding two numbers by counting items.

“My goal in authoring this book was for young children, through repeated listening to this book being read (as young children do with favorite books), will learn to count objects in their environment and to recognize the shapes of the numerical digits and how each digit is spelled,” Bowman states. “Enjoyment and fun can go together with learning.”

With the combination of simple storytelling, number facts and colorful illustrations, “Frances and Millie Play in the Numbers Park” is a great resource to help teachers and parents bring students up to speed in on the basics of mathematics.

“Frances and Millie Play in the Numbers Park” by Richard L. Bowman

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About the Author

Richard L. Bowman and his wife, Elsie, have been married for 51 years. They have four adult children; each is married and with their own children. Their 10 grandchildren range in age from kindergarten to college. Bowman is a retired college physics professor and an ordained Christian minister. He holds a bachelor’s degree in physics and mathematics respectively, from Eastern Mennonite University; a master’s degree in physics from Kent State University; and a PhD in molecular biophysics from Oregon State University. Beyond this formal training, Bowman has been involved in education and writing for most of his life. Until retiring in 2012, he taught college students physics (with some chemistry and computer science thrown in) for 33-plus years. After retirement, he taught chemistry and physics to high school students in English in Albania for two-and-a-half years (February 2014 through August 2016). During these years, he has given many physics and chemistry “shows” in elementary schools.

In addition to writing, he is also a semi-professional photographer and artist with 2500 photos and illustrations accepted for sale on the www.Shutterstock.com website. He also illustrates and authors a cartoon called “Little Rich’s Questions” that he publishes six or more times a year online. In addition to numerous academic articles and Christian faith articles, Bowman has published three other books: “Living Prayer: A Bible Study Calling for Action,” “Little Rich’s Questions: Humor to Help Our Faith Stay Healthy,” and a doctoral dissertation interpreting circular dichroism spectra of some amino acid molecules. Visit www.RichardLBowman.com for more details about his works.

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While Millie looks in the empty box, Frances goes to the little store on a nearby street corner. Her dad has given her a small amount of money to spend.

After looking awhile, Frances finds one large piece of candy. What is it?

Yes, it is a large lollipop with swirled colors and flavors. Here is how Frances spells “one:”

one

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