



Press Here

by Hervé Tullet

Educational journals and the mainstream press are full of articles that stress the importance of a wide range of reading experiences at an early age. Included in this range of experiences is the need for children to comprehend a variety of text structures. *Press Here* integrates a common structure of technical reading (direct, explicit directions) with Kindergarten Math Standards. Both the National Association for the Education of Young Children and the National Council of the Teachers of Mathematics are reaching out to educators and parents to build a foundation of math thinking through age-appropriate experiences. *Press Here* includes math experiences, such as: counting, identifying patterns, and adding. Hervé Tullet combines math concepts and the technical reading skill of following directions with humor and creativity. His use of primary colors for the dots and your child's interaction with these dots leads to an engaging playful experience. It's easy to see why this book has been a best seller and nominated for many awards.

Don't let the outward simplicity of the book deceive you. My grandchildren love following the directions and turning the pages to see the results. Their curiosity is engaged as they turn each page to see the results of following the directions. I have read the book with them several times. Repeated readings haven't diminished their love of turning the page after each direction is followed. The publisher was wise to construct the book as a board book. You'll see why as you begin the SECOND READING.