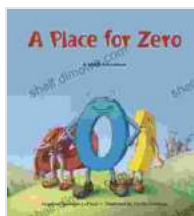


A Place for Zero: A Charlesbridge Math Adventure

Prologue: A Mathematical Wonderland



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In the realm of Charlesbridge Math Adventures, young readers embark on a journey of mathematical exploration. One such adventure unfolds in 'A Place for Zero,' where a sprightly girl named Jenny embarks on a quest to unravel the mysteries of multiplication.

Jenny's curiosity leads her down a path filled with vibrant sunflowers, each representing a number in her multiplication journey. As she skips through the field, counting the petals on each sunflower, she encounters a cast of intriguing characters—a wise old owl, a playful squirrel, and a mischievous rabbit.

Through her interactions with these woodland companions, Jenny discovers the transformative power of multiplication. She learns that multiplying a number by zero doesn't change its value, just as the sunflowers remain the same after multiplying by zero.

Jenny's Journey into Multiplication



As Jenny delves deeper into her adventure, she encounters a wise old owl perched upon a sturdy branch. The owl, with its profound knowledge, introduces Jenny to the concept of multiplication as repeated addition.

"Imagine," the owl hoots, "you have three baskets, each filled with four apples. How many apples do you have in total?" Jenny's eyes widen as she realizes that multiplying three by four is simply adding four apples three times.

With newfound understanding, Jenny continues her exploration, unraveling the secrets of multiplication. She discovers that multiplying by zero always results in zero, just as the sum of zero and any number remains zero.

Unveiling the Power of Zero



Jenny's adventure takes an exciting turn when she meets a playful squirrel holding a nut. The squirrel teaches her that zero can act as a placeholder in multiplication, keeping other numbers in their place.

"Look, Jenny," the squirrel chatters, "when you multiply any number by one hundred, you simply add two zeros at the end. It's like giving that number a special place to stand."

Jenny marvels at the power of zero as she realizes its ability to transform numbers and make calculations easier. With each discovery, her understanding of multiplication deepens.

Epilogue: A World Transformed



As Jenny's journey culminates, she gazes out at the field of sunflowers, now transformed by her newfound knowledge. Each sunflower represents a step she has taken in her mathematical adventure.

Through her encounters with the owl, the squirrel, and the rabbit, Jenny has unlocked the secrets of multiplication, discovering the power of zero and its transformative role in the world of numbers.

'A Place for Zero' is not just a tale of mathematical exploration; it's an invitation to young readers to embrace the joy of discovery and to see the world through the lens of mathematical wonder.

About the Author and Illustrator

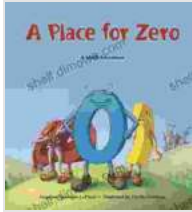
'A Place for Zero' is written by Angeline Sparagna LoPresti, an experienced educator and author of numerous children's books. Her passion for making math accessible and engaging shines through in this delightful tale.

The vibrant illustrations by Phyllis Hornung bring Jenny's mathematical journey to life. With each stroke of her brush, she captures the wonder and excitement of Jenny's discoveries, making this book a visual treat for readers of all ages.

: A Mathematical Adventure for the Ages

'A Place for Zero: A Charlesbridge Math Adventure' is a timeless tale that will captivate young minds and ignite a passion for mathematics. It's a story that proves that learning can be an adventure, filled with wonder, discovery, and the joy of understanding.

So, join Jenny on her mathematical quest today, and discover the place where zero truly shines.



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