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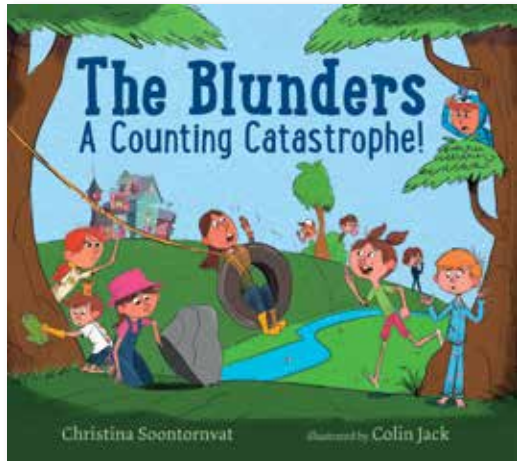
A Counting Catastrophe!

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One, two, three . . . Wait, who am I missing?
The Blunder kids' head count somehow keeps
falling short in this funny and familiar tale.



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Use *The Blunders* in your classroom to teach
about folktales and counting in different ways.


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- Read the book aloud and stop on the page where the sun sets. Ask if your students can figure out the problem the Blunder children are having.
- This story is based on a family of folktales in which characters forget to count themselves. Have your students try to find similar folktales online or in your library.
- Collect materials in your classroom such as bottle caps or other manipulatives and have students divide them into groups of twos, threes, fives, and tens. Have them practice counting by twos, threes, fives, and tens without objects as well.
- Bruce counts his siblings in Spanish. Teach your students to count in a different language. Ask if anyone in your class can count in another language, then have them teach their classmates.

