## **CLIFFORD COUNTS**

Everyone's favorite Big Red Dog returns to his days as a small red puppy in this book. Clifford experiences being a toddler.

Author: Norman Bridwell 12 Pages Ages: Infant through 3 years

Themes: Counting Identifying objects Identifying colors Building imagination

This story has lots of bright colors and different objects to describe.....pink bicycles, green grass, blue cars, Big Red Clifford. Ask your child if they are wearing any of the colors that they identify in the book.

Since the numbers one, two and three are talked about in this story, have your little reader practice holding up one, two and three fingers as the objects are identified in the book. This exercise helps the child learn to count and also gives them an opportunity to work on finger dexterity. All of these basic things take practice.

Since Clifford is bigger than the average dog that may live in your house or neighborhood, ask your child to use their imagination and talk about where Clifford would live in your house. What kind of a dish would he eat out of? How would you give him a bath? It may be fun to see what ideas they may have.