

My First Steps to Math™

User's Manual

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Installation Using Windows®

- Insert the CD into your CD-ROM drive.
- Follow the screen prompt.
- If the program does not automatically start, then open
x:\MYBOOKS\myfirst.exe where x: is your CD-ROM drive.

Installation Using Macintosh®

- Place the CD-ROM in your CD-ROM drive...
- Two My First Steps to Math™ icons are created for you. One is labeled PPC for use with a Power Mac. The other is labeled 68K for use by all other Macintosh models.
- Double click the icon you wish to run.

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Using My First Steps to Math™

My First Steps to Math™ contains ten books (1-10), each with a narrated story about its number character. There are over 300 pages of interactive adventures, with more than 280 illustrations and 20 pages that can be printed into a personal coloring book. Delightful music and sound effects help make learning beginning math and reading fun for little children.


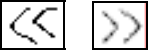




When the cursor [*Windows*] looks like a hand, click on that object (words, pictures or icons) to make something happen. Single words are pronounced, the whole page is re-read, trees, flowers, animals, etc. are counted, music can be louder, softer or stopped, you can select another book to read, and various other options. The [*Macintosh*] cursor is always an arrow.





The front screen contains a picture of 10 children holding numbers (see the picture on the back cover of this User's Manual.) Each number represents one of the 10 books in My First Steps to Math™. With the mouse, click on any of the children to begin reading that book. Each page is read to you and will then wait for user activity. Click on objects or click on the page icon to advance to the next page (see icon descriptions below).


The stories are the works of Jane Belk Moncure, author of more than 200 best-selling educational books for children. Click on the **Credit** icon to see and hear Jane talk about teaching young children about math [*Windows*]. There is no video in the [*Macintosh*] version.



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

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
<p>Go to Next/Previous Page</p> 	<p>To go to the next page, click on the bottom right corner of the book, on the turned up page corner. To go back to the previous page, click on the bottom left page corner.</p>
<p>Turn Pages Fast Backward/Forward</p> 	<p>Use the arrow icons to quickly change from one page to the next or previous page. The last page of Book 1 will then go to the first page of Book 2, Book 2 to Book 3, etc. On [<i>Mac</i>] keyboard ← → keys change pages, ↑ ↓ goes to book front/back.</p>
<p>Music On/Off</p> 	<p>You can toggle the background music on or off by clicking on the musical notes icon.</p>
<p>Sound Louder/Softer</p> 	<p>Two volume icons increase or decrease the sound level. The icons are Vol ↑ up or Vol ↓ down.</p>
<p>New Book</p>  <p>Go Back [<i>Windows</i>]</p> 	<p>New Book goes back to the front screen. You may then click on another book number.</p> <p>After selecting New Book, an icon will appear called Go Back. Click on this to return to the previous page and book, which you just left.</p>

<p>Re-read This Page</p> 	<p>To have the current page read again from the beginning, click the sound speaker icon. “Read to me.”</p>
<p>Color Book</p> <p>[Windows]</p> 	<p>Two pages of each book (20 pages in all) can be printed as coloring pages. A Color Book icon will appear for these pages. See Option.</p>
<p>Option</p> <p>[Windows]</p> <p>Color Book Resolution</p> 	<p>When printing the coloring pages, you can choose from two different resolutions. Low resolution will print the fastest. High resolution, the default, is a better quality copy, but takes a bit longer to print.</p> <p>You can also select the number of copies of the coloring book page to print.</p> <p>Then, when you click on the Color Book icon, a Print Dialog Box appears to select the printer you wish to print on. This Print Dialog Box also allows you to specify the number of copies (which will then become the default number in Option.)</p>
<p>Color Book</p> <p>[Macintosh]</p> 	<p>Click the Color Book icon to get a Print Setup dialog box. Be sure to choose horizontal, or landscape, orientation before proceeding with the print job. Click OK. The next Print Dialog box will give you the option of choosing the number of pages to print as well as scale/size. Click OK.</p> <p>You will be notified if you do not have enough RAM to print in the background and given the option to print later (when RAM free up) or to print now (while not using the program). You can check the Print Monitor for the status of your print job. Note: Sound quality may decrease while printing in the background.</p>
<p>Auto Start/Stop</p> <p>[Macintosh]</p>	<p>The Auto button appears on every page except the front screen and credits. Click Auto to have all 10 books continuously and automatically read to you. All of the buttons on the screen still operate as normal. But, you can no longer click on objects, words and characters to illicit sounds or count routines. To turn Auto off, click the Auto button once again (it toggles between on and off.) Also entering Credits will turn Auto off.</p>

<p>Option</p> <p>Demo</p> <p>[Windows]</p> <p>Exit Demo</p>		<p>Demo mode runs all 10 books continuously and automatically turns each page. You can specify from which book to start the demo. The 10 books will keep cycling until you exit Demo mode.</p> <p>In the Demo mode, some of the features are disabled (you cannot turn pages, print coloring book pages, change options, or look at credits.) You may change volume and click on objects.</p> <p>To stop the demo, click on Stop. You will return to normal operation of the program, with full features.</p>
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<p>Credit</p> <p>[Windows]</p> <p>Exit Credit</p> <p>Go Back</p>	 	<p>See the people involved in producing My First Steps to Math™ CD-ROM. Hear the author, Jane Belk Moncure, talk about these books.</p> <p>To exit the Credit Screens and go back to the books, select the Go Back icon.</p>
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<p>Credit</p> <p>[Macintosh]</p> <p>Exit Credit</p> <p>New Book</p>	 	<p>The Macintosh version Credit displays pictures of the people involved in producing My First Steps to Math™ CD-ROM; it contains no video or audio narrations.</p> <p>To exit the Macintosh Credits and go back to the books, select the New Book icon.</p>
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<p>Exit</p>		<p>Quit the program and return to the Windows Program Manager or the Macintosh Desk Top.</p>
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