

Activity 2: Books on a Bookshelf

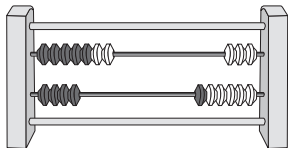
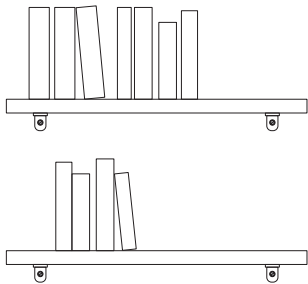
Material

- Mini Rekenrek

Skill

- Word problems within 20

In a whole group, pose “bookshelf” word problems to the students and have them solve the problems using the rekenrek. For example, math books are kept on the upper shelf of the bookcase and science books are kept on the lower shelf. If there are seven math books and four science books, how many books are on the bookcase? Have students show this on their rekenreks. Then have them write the number sentence.



$$7 + 4 = 11$$

Activity 3: Three Addends to 10

Material

- Mini Rekenrek

Skill

- 3 Addends

Challenge students to use the rekenrek to find all of the ways to make 10 with three addends. Some students may use only the top or bottom rows and other students may use only the red beads. Either way is acceptable. Have students write the appropriate number sentences.