



Maya's Magical Counting Garden

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Maya wakes up to a bright sunny day, ready for an adventure in her magical garden. She speeds down the ramp in her shiny purple wheelchair, her friends waving from the gate. She can't wait to see what they will find today.



First, Maya spots one beautiful, orange monarch butterfly fluttering near the colorful roses. It leads the way deeper into the garden's winding path. She follows closely, careful not to disturb the delicate wings.



Her friend Leo, who has a brilliant smile and loves animals, joins her next to the carrot patch. Together, they watch two fluffy, brown bunnies munching happily on green leaves. Leo helps Maya count them with a big 'one, two!'



Further down the path, they meet Anya, who wears glasses and is holding a magnifying glass. She is observing three busy honeybees collecting sweet nectar from the purple lavender bushes. 'Look!' Anya whispers, pointing to the buzzing trio.



Near the small, peaceful pond, they find four bright yellow ducklings swimming in a straight line. Their mama duck floats nearby, keeping a watchful eye on her ducklings as they splash and dive. The children giggle at the playful scene.



Hidden under a giant, ribbed hosta leaf, they discover five tiny, red ladybugs crawling together. Each ladybug has distinct black spots, and the friends carefully count each one before continuing their walk.



Anya leads them to the apple tree, where she spots six shiny, red apples hanging just within reach. Leo stretches high to point at them, and Maya thinks about how juicy and sweet they must taste.



Near the edge of the tall grass, Leo spots seven shimmering dragonflies with wings that catch the light like rainbows. They dart and hover above the water, their iridescent bodies gleaming in the afternoon sun.



As the sun begins to lower, they find eight sleepy, brown snails slowly gliding along the textured stone wall. The friends watch them patiently, leaving a glistening trail behind them as they move at their own pace.



ly, as twilight descends and the first stars appear, they reach the end of the garden and find nine twinkling fireflies. As they watch the tiny lights glow and fade, they count all the way to ten, completing their wonderful garden adventure.