This retelling of a Chinese folktale pays tribute to the author's Irish heritage, and to the joys of an old marriage, new friendships, and the impulse to share. Using pen and gouache, the artist shows the "simple" characters in all their winning complexity. A very poor, humble couple live so simple a life they share everything, until the husband discovers a pot with magical powers buried under the very last potato in the garden. Mr. and Mrs. O'Grady are so poor they have just one of everything to share - one potato a day, one chair, one blanket full of holes, and one gold coin for a rainy day. After digging up the last potato in their patch, Mr. O'Grady comes upon a big black object. It's a pot - no ordinary pot, for what they soon discover is that whatever goes into it comes out doubled! Suddenly the O'Gradys aren't destitute anymore. But what they really long for is one friend apiece. Can the magic pot give them that?

Grade Level
3-5

Diversity Topics
Family Relationships; Homelessness; homeless family

Main Character
boy and girl

Race/Ethnicities
White

Family Formation
One Potato, Two Potato is a 1964 black-and-white American drama film directed by Larry Peerce and starring Barbara Barrie and Bernie Hamilton. Julie Cullen is a young divorced parent, on her own for the past four years since her husband abandoned her and their daughter, Ellen, only a year old at the time. At work, Julie, who is white, meets Frank Richards, who is black, and the two strike up a friendship that blossoms into a romance. Their relationship is strained by the racial prejudices of many. Although One Potato, Two Potato is recited all over the English speaking world, it's especially loved in Ireland given the importance of potatoes in Irish cuisine. One Potato, Two Potato. Counting-out Rhyme. One potato, two potato, Three potato, four, Five potato, six potato, Seven potato, more! One Potato, Two Potato. Counting-out Rhyme. One potato, two potato, Three potato, four, Five potato, six potato, Seven potato, more! Tweet. Advertisement. Game Instructions. All of the kids put our their two fists. One kid goes around tapping the other kids' fists with his fist. The one whose One potato, two potato Three potato, four Five potato, six potato Seven potato, more Eight potato, nine potato Count them up to ten Let's put our potatoes back And count them up again. One potato, two potato Three potato, four Five potato, six potato Seven potato, more Eight potato, nine potato Count them up to ten Let's put our potatoes back And count them up again. More on Genius. "One Potato, Two Potato" Track Info.