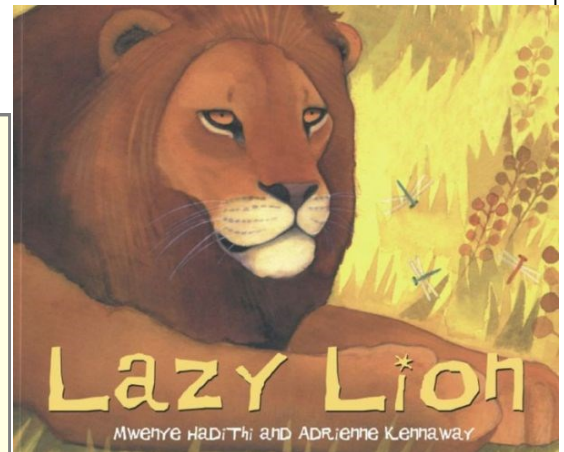


Books of the Month

Lazy Lion by Mwenye Hadithi

This fable follows a lazy lion who makes demands of the animals on the savannah as they prepare for the coming rains. Suffice it to say, the lion gets everything he deserves! A wonderful story about natural consequences, and also a porquoi tale of why the lion has no house.

Preschool and Young School-age.



Other fun books about Things that move Slow

Slow Down for Manatees by Jim Arnosky – This is a beautiful book about a manatee that is wounded by a boat and what some people do to save her. All ages.

Fast and Slow by Sue Barraclough—An informational book about things that are fast and things that are slow. The wonderful photographs will appeal to both toddlers and preschoolers.

Slowly, Slowly, Slowly Said the Sloth by Eric Carle—Many animals comment on the laziness of the sloth. But is he really lazy? Find out in this fun book for Preschool.

Some Smug Slug by Pamela Duncan Edwards—A slug wreaks havoc when it gets inside the house. This is a very funny book for preschoolers.

Rápido/Lento by Sharon Gordon—This is a very simple book about things that are fast and things that are slow. Wonderful for toddlers and preschoolers. (In Spanish)

Splash by Flora McDonnell – All the animals are lazy in the heat until Baby Elephant finds a cool solution. All ages will enjoy this adorable book!

Lazy Days of Summer by Judy Young - On each page of this informational book, a game is featured. This is a nice resource for encouraging and supporting old fashioned play. Preschool and Young Schoolage.

Rhyme of the Month

Roll Your Hands

Roll, roll, roll your hands

As slowly as you can

(Roll hands very slowly)

Roll, roll, roll your hands

As quickly as you can

(Roll hands very fast)

(Repeat this with stomp feet, nod head, blink eyes, etc.)

Poem of the Month

August Heat

In August, when the days are hot,

I like to find a shady spot,

And hardly move a single bit—

And sit

And sit

And sit

And sit.

Anonymous



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Learning Ideas for August:

Leaf Log

Take a walk with your children and encourage everyone to select interesting looking leaves. Collect them in a bag as you walk, keeping track of who collected it and what kind of leaf you think it is.

Once you return to school, place the leaves between paper towels or coffee filters and press them inside a large book (phone books are perfect for this activity) Place heavy items on the book and leave it for a day or two.

Take out the pressed leaves and paste one on a page in a notebook. (Black composition notebooks add a touch of the Scientist to this activity!)

Add the name of the plant from where the leaf came and details about it.—who collected it, where they found it, etc.

Continue to add to your classroom “Leaf Log” throughout the autumn and talk about the changes that you see in the leaves.

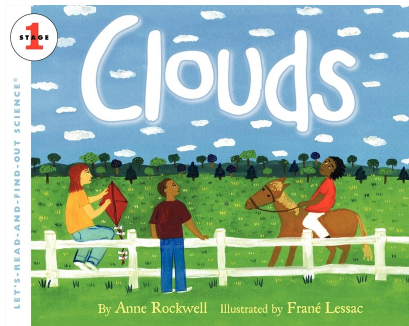


Cloud Watching

On a day with some clouds in the sky, spread a blanket out on a soft grassy spot and lie down looking up at the sky. As children ask what you are doing encourage them to lie down as well and look for creatures in the cloud formations.

Make up stories about the clouds.

Perhaps check out books about clouds. Look for information on different sorts of clouds using the library or internet.

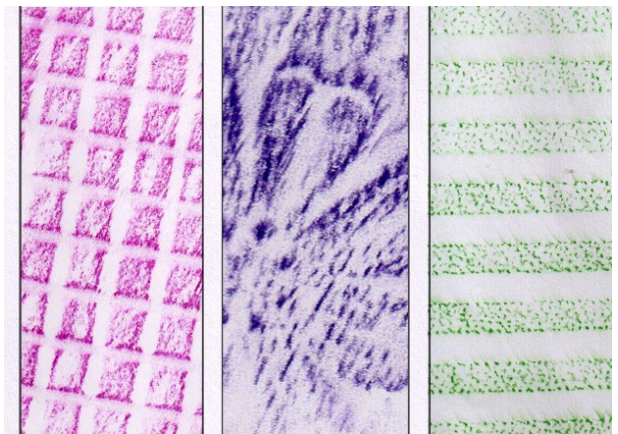


Clouds by Anne Rockwell.

Rubbings

A really easy and fun activity is to place flattish objects beneath paper and encourage the children to ‘rub’ over the surface of the paper using crayons. Talk together about the process and what it looks/feels like.

Perhaps as an extension, locate some interesting ‘rubbing’ opportunities outside—drains, manhole covers, plaques, etc.



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