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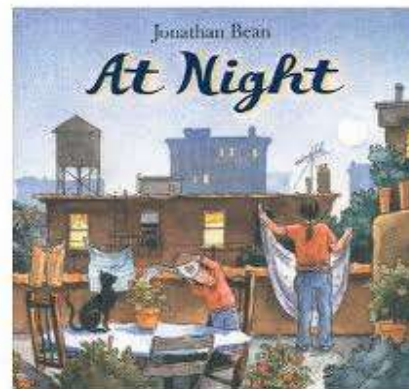
Early Learning Newsletter



Books of the Month

At Night by Jonathan Bean – When a little girl can't sleep, she wanders up to the roof of her home in the city to look at the stars. Ages 5-7.

The Quiet Book by Deborah Underwood – This book describes the many different types of 'quiet' people experience from "hide and seek quiet" to "bedtime kiss quiet." Ages 6-8.



Other Books about Quiet Places, Quiet Spaces...



A Perfect Day by Remy Charlip – A father and son review their lovely, peaceful day spent together. Ages 3-5.

Sleepy Oh So Sleepy by Denise Fleming – With its quiet repetition, this book makes a perfect bedtime or down-time book for any child. Ages 2-5.

A Baby Sister for Frances by Russell and Lillian Hoban – Frances needs a quiet place to escape to when she feels overwhelmed by all the attention being given to her new baby sister. Ages 4-8.

The Paperboy by Dav Pilkey – Before the world is fully awake, the paperboy quietly goes about his paper route. Ages 5-8.

Dawn by Uri Shulevitz – A boy and his grandpa are on a mountain lake at dawn, quietly rowing along as the sun comes up. Ages 4-8.

Night Shift Daddy by Eileen Spinelli – A little girl tucks her father into bed after he comes home from his night shift. Ages 3-7.

If you have questions about this newsletter or if you would like to register for STARS trainings, call 253-548-3424 or email susana@piercecountylibrary.org for details.



Songs of the Month

Fuzzy Wuzzy Caterpillar

Fuzzy wuzzy caterpillar
Crawling on the ground
*(make caterpillar crawling along
one arm with your finger)*
Fuzzy wuzzy caterpillar
Never makes a sound...shhhh
*(make caterpillar crawling along
your other arm)*
Soon you will be sleeping
Softly lullaby
Till when you awaken
You will be a butterfly.
*(make a butterfly with hands
or arms)*

The Moon is Round

*(A fun rhyme to do while touching
baby's face gently - touch their
face for moon, then touch gently
near their eyes, on their nose, and
their mouth)*
The moon is round
As round can be
Two eyes
A nose
And a mouth,
Like me!

Literacy Connections

TALKING

Favorite Quiet Nature Spot

As a class, choose a favorite quiet place to visit often outdoors. It can be a tree, a grassy area...anywhere! Each time you return there, observe any changes and talk about these changes together. Invite children to draw a picture of the changes (seasonal, animals living nearby, new insects they've observed, weather, etc.) For fun, let them draw their pictures right there at the spot! Besides developing a love of nature, children will also strengthen their vocabulary and comprehension skills.

READING

Is it a Word or a Picture?

Hold up examples of words and examples of pictures and ask children this simple question..."is it a word or a picture?" For the pictures, you can ask them what the picture shows and for the words, ask them what letter the word begins with or tell them what the word says.



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