

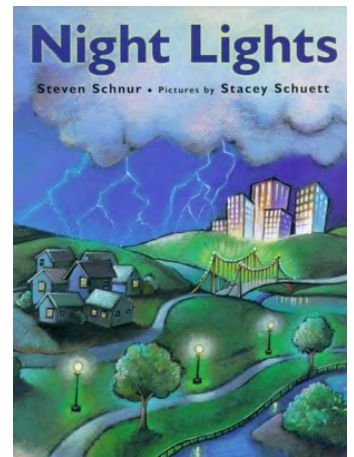


December 2012

Book of the Month

Night Lights by Steven Schnur

Beginning with lights in her own home, a little girl begins counting lights that she can see at night. This beautifully illustrated book counts from 1 to 20, then 50, 100, 1000, and finally a million! It's challenging to find wonderful picture books that count past 10, this one does and does so beautifully! A lovely book for preschoolers.



Other fun books featuring **Stars** and **Light**

Only the Stars by Dee Boyd – A young girl and her grandmother figure out a way for her to still see the stars in the daytime. Preschool and young school-aged children.

Very Lonely Firefly by Eric Carle – A firefly looks for company in this wonderful picture book with a fun and surprising ending. Preschool.

Night Lights by Susan Gal – A very simple and adorable book that looks at all sorts of lights. All ages.

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star illustrated by Sylvia Long – A charming version of the old song. Preschool.

Stars Above Us by Geoffrey Norman – A young girl finds comfort in the light from the stars while her father is deployed. A gentle story for young school-aged children.

Star by Natalie Jane Prior – This simple board book shows all the things a little star sees while shining in the night. The repeating text and soft story make this a great choice for infants and toddlers.

Stars by Mary Lyn Ray – Wonderful illustrations show stars in their many incarnations. Preschool and young school-aged.

Starry Night, Sleep Tight illustrated by Gail Yerril – A lovely collection of lullaby poems. All ages.

Rhyme of the Month

Stars

The tiny stars you see at night
(wiggle fingers as though twinkling)
Are like our sun, so big and bright
(hands form a circle above your head)

But far away, they seem so small
(put hand above eyes)

The barely give us light at all.

(hold arms out to your side as though questioning)

Poem of the Month

Grandpa Bear's Lullaby

The night is long
But fur is deep.
You will be warm
In winter sleep.
The cave is dark
But dreams are bright
And they will serve
As winter light.
Sleep, my little cubs, sleep.

Jane Yolen

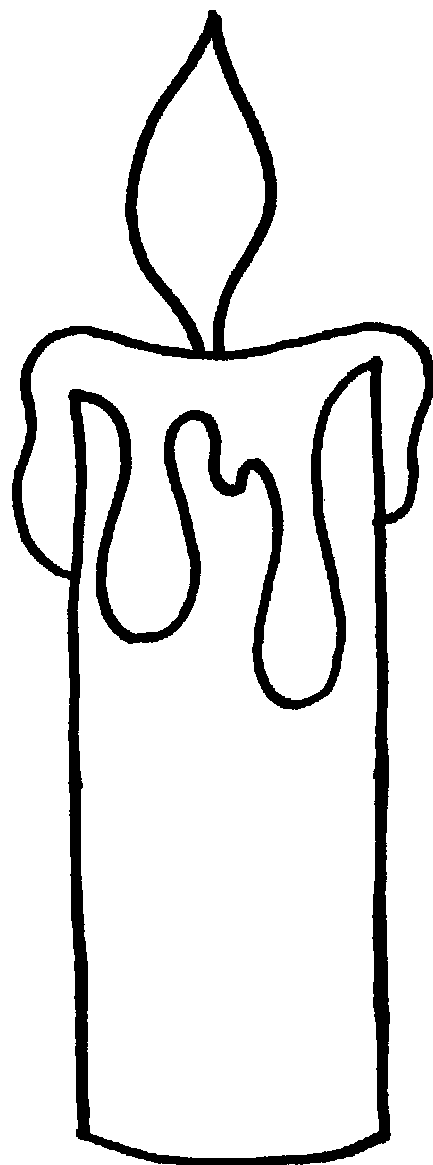


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In the Child Care section of the Parents/Caregivers menu

Learning Ideas for December:

Counting Candles Flannelboard

One candle shining bright
Warms our home with its light.
(Add a candle, count them together)
Two candles shining bright
Warm our home with their light
(Add another candle, count them together)
Three candles shining bright
Warm our home with their light
(Add another candle, count them together)
Four candles shining bright
Warm our home with their light
(Add another candle, count them together)
Five candles shining bright
Now our home is filled with light



A Book House

Bring in a large cardboard box. Cut a door and a couple of windows in the sides. Encourage the children to decorate it with markers, wrapping paper, ribbon, fabric, etc. Label this house, THE BOOK HOUSE. Fill the floor of the house with blankets and pillows and let the children know that they may only sit inside the book house if they are reading or sharing a book.

Happy Holidays!

Have Fun!

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.