



Book of the Month



UnBEElievables: Honeybee Poems and Paintings by Douglas Florian

This poetry collection is jam packed with information about bees. Florian writes about the many types of bees found in a hive, jobs performed, honey, beekeepers, and the importance of bees to our world. If you are doing a unit on insects, farming, or poetry this book would be a wonderful addition. Grades 1-3.

Other Books featuring the color YELLOW.....

School Bus by Donald Crews – Follow the path of the school bus on its daily route and learn the job of this important vehicle. Ages 2-4.

A Handful of Sunshine: Growing a Sunflower by Melanie Eclare – Extra large photographs highlight the process of growing a sunflower from seed to flower. Ages 5-7.

Is it Red? Is it Yellow? Is it Blue? by Tana Hoban – Colors are taught and reviewed through creatively taken photographs of everyday objects. Completely wordless. Ages 2-5.

Little Blue and Little Yellow by Leo Lionni – Another classic tale teaching about the colors and what happens when colors are combined! Ages 3-6.

Emily's Balloon by Komako Sakai – What starts out as a gift soon becomes a fast friend for Emily in this simple story with illustrations that capture the magic and motion of young childhood. Ages 3-5.

Lemons are Not Red by Laura Vaccaro Seeger – Teaches the concepts of color and shape through cleverly “cut-out” illustrations. Ages 4-6.

In My New Yellow Shirt by Eileen Spinelli – A little boy transforms into all things yellow with his imagination and new shirt. Ages 3-5.

What the Sun Sees/What the Moon Sees by Nancy Tafuri – Half the story takes place during the day and half at night. Ages 2-5.

Rhymes of the Month

A Little Yellow Cup

A little yellow cup

A little yellow star

A little yellow frill

And that's a daffodil!

(show a picture of a daffodil)

Yellow, a Poem

Yellow is a star

Yellow is the sun

Yellow is the moon

When the day is done.

(show pictures with this poem)

Literacy Connections

MATH and SNACKTIME FUN!

Make a chart with the children listing all the foods you can think of as a class that are yellow - bananas, lemons, lemonade, corn, cornbread, pineapple, yellow cake, vanilla pudding, lemon jello, some cheeses, certain potatoes are a few ideas. If you want, draw a picture of the food item next to the word!

Once you've created this chart, ask children to vote on which foods they like and which they don't by raising their hands. Count up the yes's and no's of each food type. Try out some of the more popular choices from the chart at the snack table. You could have an all-yellow food day!



Fruit Loop Colors – Art and Science Learning

What You Need:

- Fruit Loops
- Plastic Baggies
- Paper
- Glue
- Rounded blocks or small rolling pin

Have the children sort out a specific color from the fruit loops – like YELLOW! Put them into plastic baggies and let the children crush them with small, rounded blocks or a small rolling pin. When they are all crushed, let them put glue on paper and sprinkle the crushed fruit loops all over. Start with one color and then add a row of another color or colors to create a rainbow effect.

SCIENCE PLAY - WATER TABLE

Fill the water table and add food coloring of the desired color and toys of the desired color. A great activity to take outside now that the weather is warm. If you are concerned about stains on children's clothing, keep around a few old t-shirts they can put on over their clothing OR use water only and put in toys and objects all the same color.

For added fun, make some colored water using food coloring and freeze it in ice trays the day or night before. Then, put them in the water table and watch them melt to make colored water. If you use different colored ice cubes, the colors will mix to make new colors. Children learn several science concepts with this activity - mixing colors and the change in properties of water from solid (ice) to liquid.



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