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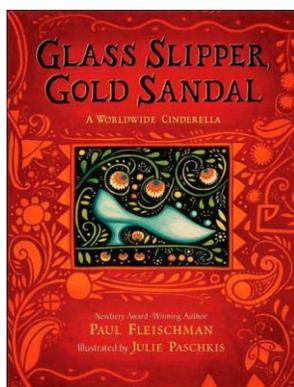
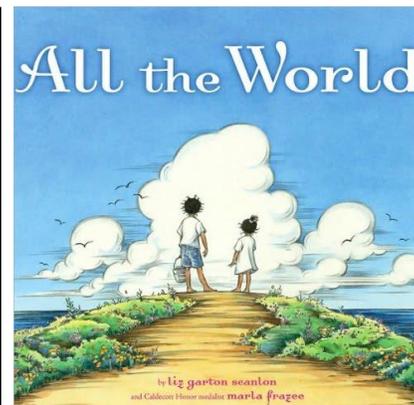
Early Learning Newsletter



Books of the Month –

All the World by Liz Garton Scanlon – In this lovely story celebrating families, it is clearly shown how all the world is connected to one another. *Preschool-Second Grade*

Glass Slipper, Gold Sandal: a Worldwide Cinderella by Sid Fleischman - Cinderella is a universal tale, told around the world in many countries and cultures. This book includes the retelling of many of those tales with each page spread representing many different countries. *Preschool – Third Grade*



Other Folktales and World Stories and Rhymes...

Pio Peep! Traditional Spanish Nursery Rhymes by Alma Flor Ada – *Preschool – Second Grade*

The Empty Pot by Demi – *Kindergarten – Third Grade*

Hush! A Thai Lullaby by Minfong Ho – *Toddler - Kindergarten*

You and Me Together: Moms, Dads, and Kids Around the World by Barbara Kerley – *Preschool – Second Grade*

Anansi and the Talking Melon by Eric A. Kimmel – *Preschool – Second Grade*

Go to Sleep, Gecko!: a Balinese Folktale retold by Margaret Read MacDonald – *Preschool – Second Grade*

Goldilocks and the Three Bears by James Marshall – *Preschool – Second Grade*

Raven: a Trickster Tale from the Pacific Northwest by Gerald McDermott – *Kindergarten – Third Grade*

Juan Bobo Goes to Work by Marisa Montes – *Preschool – Second Grade*

The Lion and the Mouse by Jerry Pinkney – *Preschool – Third Grade*

How Big is the World? by Britta Teckentrup – *Preschool - Kindergarten*

Songs of the Month

A Rum Sum Rum

(song from Morocco)

Listen for the tune on Nancy Stewart's

Web page - www.nancymusic.com

A rum sum sum, a rum sum sum

(slap thighs in time)

Guli, guli, guli, guli, guli (roll hands)

Rum sum sum (slap thighs in time)

A raffi, a raffi

(open arms wide, clap hands together)

Guli, guli, guli, guli, guli (roll hands)

Rum sum sum (slap thighs in time)

Up Down, Turn Around

(Tune: What'll I Do with the Baby-o by Jane Cobb)

Up down, turn around

Touch the sky, touch the ground,

Wiggle shoulders, wiggle nose,

Wiggle fingers, say hello.

Up down, turn around

Touch the sky, touch the ground

Jiggle tummy, blink your eyes,

Blow a kiss and say goodbye.

Literacy Connections



VOCABULARY

Hawaii is a Rainbow by Stephanie Feeney

Read this book aloud to your children and then ask them to name things in their world that are the different colors of the rainbow...to narrow it down, go on a color hunt around your classroom. Ask children to find something red and then bring it back to the circle to share. The next day, look for something orange, etc.

As a fun snack activity, make **RAINBOW KABOBS!** Choose any colorful assortment of fruit. Let children cut some of the fruit (like bananas) and you can cut the rest into bite-size pieces. Children make their own skewer of fruit for snack with your supervision.

Travel Agency

Set your classroom up as a travel agency. Include tickets, travel brochures, posters of different locations around the world. Bring in a real passport as a sample and let children make their own passports. You may have to model the pretend play with children at first but, before you know it, they will be booking vacations for everyone!

NARRATIVE SKILLS

Family Stories

The world is full of stories and oftentimes family stories passed down from one generation to the next are the ones children remember most vividly. Encourage parents to tell children stories from when they (the parents) were small. They may think their stories are insignificant but it can mean the world to their child. Retelling a story is also a very important skill that indicates children have a strong understanding of story. After hearing a family story several times, can children help their parents retell the story?



HAPPY SUMMER READING!!

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