

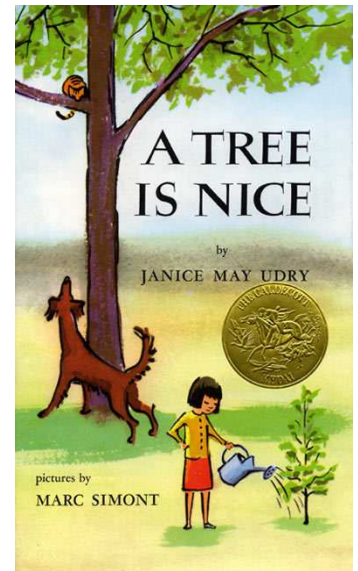
# March

## Early Learning Newsletter

### Books of the Month

**A Tree is Nice by Janice May Udry** – This timeless classic for children describes the many ways that trees are useful, inspiring, and comforting. Ages 3-6.

**Little Green by Keith Baker** – A boy describes the movements of a ruby-throated hummingbird he discovers in the garden. Beautiful, vivid pictures. Ages 3-5.



*Other Books about all things GREEN...*

**One Small Place in a Tree by Barbara Brenner** – Shows how a tree can be useful to animals in the woods even after it has fallen. Ages 5-8.

**The Curious Garden by Peter Brown** – One boy's small garden gradually spreads until the grey of the city is transformed into a beautiful green. Ages 4-8.

**Go Away Big, Green Monster by Ed Emberley** – Children learn about facing fears in this story where they deconstruct a scary monster until he's no longer scary. Preschool.

**Little Blue and Little Yellow by Leo Lionni** – A book about combining colors.

**The Frogs and Toads All Sang by Arnold Lobel** – Collection of poetry by the well-loved author of the *Frog and Toad* books. Ages 5-8.

**Dinosaur Roar by Rod Stickland** – Teaches young children about "opposites" all the while inviting them to ROAR and move like a dinosaur. Ages 2-4.

**What can you do with an old red shoe?: a green activity book about reuse by Anna Alter** – An activity book of ideas for turning old stuff into fun art! For ages 6-9.



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## Literacy Connections:

### Observe a Tree

In connection with the book *A Tree is Nice* by Janice May Udry, choose a tree in your backyard, playground, or neighborhood to observe regularly with your children. Ask children about the tree: How big is it? What does its bark feel like? How big are its leaves? What do its seeds look like? Do any animals live there?



As a class, write down the many things children notice about their tree. You could even make a chart of the tree for each season and draw a picture of how it looks different.

### Go on a Green Hunt

Invite each child to find one or two things in your room that are green. Bring them to the circle. Everyone gets a chance to share what they found. Write down on a large chart or paper everything the children found. What else is green? See if children can name other things that are green and not already on the list.

This would be an easy game to take outside also! A great activity for increasing children's vocabulary and strengthening their descriptive or narrative skills.

## Rhymes of the Month

### Five Green Speckled Frogs

Five green and speckled frogs  
Sat on a speckled log  
Eating some most delicious bugs  
Yum...yum!  
One jumped into the pool  
Where it was nice and cool  
Now there are four green speckled frogs  
Gulp...gulp!  
*Repeat this song until there are no frogs left.*

### The Flower

Here's a green leaf  
*(hold up one hand)*  
And here's a green leaf  
*(hold up the other hand)*  
This, you see, makes two  
Here is the bud that makes the flower  
*(put hands together to make a bud)*  
Watch it bloom for you!  
*(imitate a flower growing with hands)*

If you have questions about this newsletter or if you would like to register for STARS trainings, Call 253-536-6500 ext 189 or email [susana@piercecountylibrary.org](mailto:susana@piercecountylibrary.org) for details.