

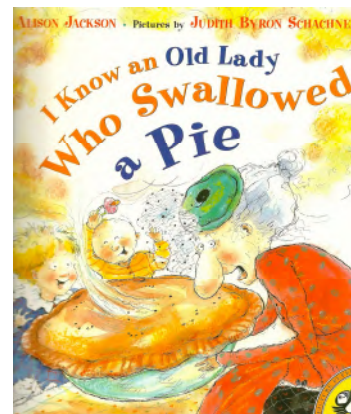
## November 2011

From the Pierce County Library System

### Book of the Month:

**I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie** by Alison Jackson

This is a very amusing Thanksgiving book based on the old song, "I know an old lady who swallowed a fly". Preschoolers and young school aged children will enjoy the humor and teachers will feel full after just one reading. FUN!



### Other fun books about Food

**Pancakes for Breakfast** by Tomie De Paola. A wordless book about a little old lady who longs for a stack of pancakes and will work very hard to make that dream a reality. Preschool.

**Feast for Ten** by Catherine Falwell— This simple counting book celebrates a family meal. Toddlers.

**Food for Thought** by Saxton Freymann—This wonderful concept book uses fruits and vegetables posed as characters to highlight shapes, letters and other important concepts. Toddlers.

**The Giant Jam Sandwich** by John Vernon Lord—A town comes up with a creative way of getting rid of pesky wasps in this wonderful rhyming book. Preschool.

**Mouse Mess** by Riley—A mouse creates havoc in the kitchen in this colorful book for all ages.

**Rah, Rah, Radishes** by April Pulley Sayre—This excellent cheer celebrates fruits and vegetables with vivid photographs and rhyme. Toddlers and Preschoolers.

**Hi Pizza Man!** by Virginia Walter—A perfect read aloud about waiting for the delivery of a pizza. Toddlers and Preschoolers (and adults) will love reading this aloud.

### Rhyme of the Month

**The turkey is a funny bird**

*(make a funny face)*

**His head goes wobble, wobble**

*(wobble head back and forth)*

**And he knows only one word**

*(hold up one finger)*

**It's gobble, gobble, gobble**

*(make as funny a gobbling sound as you can!)*

### Poem of the Month

Butter,

Butter,

Butter,

Butter,

That's a word

I love to utter

Karla Kuskin

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# Literacy ideas for November

## Letter Awareness

Use the housekeeping area to set up a "Store". Take as many objects from around the classroom as will fit and add them to the store "inventory". As a class, decide who will be customers and who will run the cash register, bag items, reshel items etc.

Once the store is set up, tell the children that the store will have sales on items beginning with a specific letter and that the customers should bring those items up to the register. (Let the children decide which letter to use)

After playing for a while, sit at a table or in a circle and talk about how many items were sold. Perhaps draw or brainstorm other items that you could

## Print Awareness

Make a Class Favorite Food Chart  
Ask each child to name their favorite food.

Write that food on the chart next to the child's name

Conduct an "interview" with each child about their favorite food:

What does it taste like?

Where did they eat it?

What color is it?

Is it hot or cold or other?

Is it sweet? Sour? Salty?

Does someone make it for them or do they buy it?

Perhaps cut out photographs of the food to put up on the chart or have the children draw pictures of the food. Perhaps add some recipes.



## Vocabulary

For "Food" month, create class menus together. During circle time or before the activity, show the children samples of menus from restaurants. (Many of these can be found online) Tell the children that you are excited to see what they will put on their own menus. Set out paper and glue sticks and all sorts of photographs of all sorts of food printed from the web or cut from magazines. After the children have created their menus, come together as a class and encourage each child to share their menu and talk about why they chose that particular food.

## Have fun!

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