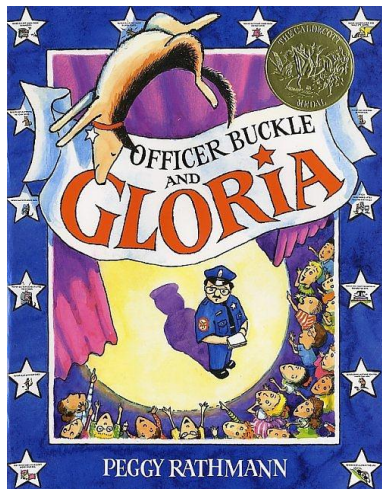


### BOOKS OF THE MONTH

**Tools by Taro Miura** – Invite children to look at the tool clues and see if they can guess who uses these tools in their work before turning the page. A fun and interactive book! Preschool-Kindergarten.

**Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathmann** – Officer Buckle is a police officer who is extra safety conscious. When Gloria the police dog comes along with him to his school safety talks, Officer Buckle doesn't realize that Gloria's hilarious antics are what makes the duo suddenly popular with the children. How will he react to this news? Preschool-1<sup>st</sup> Grade.



### Other Books featuring Community Helpers.....

**Miss Brooks Loves Books (And I Don't)** by Barbara Bottner – This is a book dedicated to all those teachers who inspire children every day, especially those children who may need that extra little attention and inspiration! Preschool - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade.

**Farmer Nat: a Lift-the-Flap Book** by Chris Demarest – A perfect little story to introduce some basics of farm life including feeding all the animals! Babies and Toddlers.

**I Want to be a Zookeeper** by Dan Liebman – Part of a series on jobs, this book captures animals at the zoo and their caretakers perfectly through the colorful photos. Preschool - Kindergarten.

**Pierre the Penguin: a True Story** by Jean Marzollo – Pierre the penguin was losing his feathers and nobody knew how to help him until Pam, one of the zookeepers, designed him a penguin-sized wet suit. Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade.

**Taking You Places: a Book About Bus Drivers** by Ann Owen – Children learn about the many kinds of bus drivers in their community and how they help people get to where they need to go. Preschool – Kindergarten.

**We Need Firefighters** by Lola M. Schaefer – Part of another series on helpers and workers in our communities. Preschool – Kindergarten.

**Whose Shoes?** By Stephen Swinburne – A fun guessing game and story! Toddler - Preschool.

**Mr. Cookie Baker** by Monica Wellington – Simple text and colorful pictures introduce children to some of the work a baker has to do early every morning. Four cookie recipes are included. Toddler – preschool.

**Pizza At Sally's** by Monica Wellington – Come and learn how to make a pizza at Sally's Pizzeria. Preschool.

**Trashy Town** by Andrea Griffing Zimmerman – This makes a great read-aloud. Invite the children to repeat the phrase "Dump it in, smash it down, drive around the Trashy Town!" with you. Toddler - Preschool.



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## LITERACY CONNECTIONS

### Math AND Writing

#### Shapes Fire Truck

Place a variety of colorful paper cut into shapes around the table (rectangles, squares, circles, triangles, diamonds, ovals) and let children design their own fire truck, gluing the pieces onto construction paper. Talk about the different shapes as children are working on their creations.

For maximum creativity, don't provide sample artwork for children to copy. If children want to see a sample of a fire truck, you could put some books out on the table with pictures or drawings of fire trucks.

Provide paper for children to cut their own shapes as well and crayons to add to their pictures!

Children can also create a "shapes fire station."

### Math, Writing, and Language Learning

#### Classroom Post Office

In your dramatic play area, or another area of your room, set up a post office. Provide paper, pencils and markers, stickers (for use as the stamps), envelopes, cardboard boxes of various sizes, bags to carry the mail, scales for weighing the mail, ink pads with stamps, and a mail carrier uniform if you have one! Let children create their own Post Office sign to hang over the area.

\*For added fun have children deliver the mail to different areas of the classroom.

Not only are children learning about scales and money, they are practicing early writing skills before they even know how to write AND think of all the great conversations you'll overhear!

## RHYMES OF THE MONTH

#### Drive the Fire Truck

Sung to the tune of  
"Little Red Wagon"

Hurry, hurry, drive the fire truck  
(pretend like you're driving)

Hurry, hurry, drive the fire truck

Hurry, hurry, drive the fire truck

Ding, ding, ding, ding, ding!

(ring the bell)

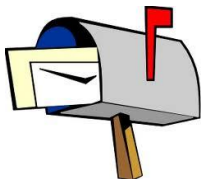
Hurry, hurry, climb the ladder...(3x)

(pretend to climb a ladder)

Hurry, hurry, put the fire out...(3x)

(pretend to use a hose to put out fire)

Hurry, hurry, drive the fire truck...(3x)



#### What is My Job?

Sung to the tune of  
"Are You Sleeping?"

What is my job?

What is my job?

Can you guess?

Can you guess?

I help people get well

I help people get well

Who am I?

Who am I? (Doctor)

Other Possible Verses:

I deliver letters (Mailman/lady)

I make tasty meals for you (Chef)

I can teach you new things (Teacher)

I help if you get lost (Police officer)

