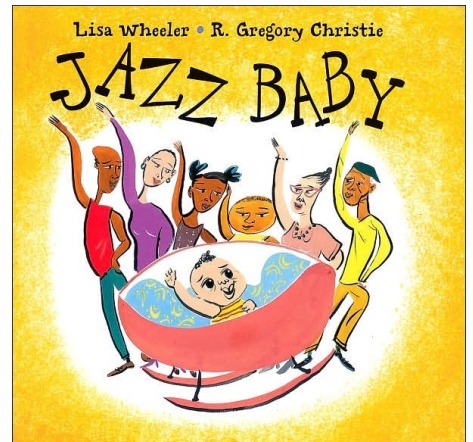


November 2013

Book of the Month

Jazz Baby by Lisa Wheeler

This wonderful book reads like a song. Children will clap their hands and tap their toes to this singing and dancing family's actions. A vibrant and fun book to share with preschoolers.



Other fun books featuring *Family*

Just Like You by Emma Dodd—a father bear and baby bear show love for one another in this adorable book that toddlers will love.

Oh, No, Gotta Go by Susan Middleton Elya—Hilarious story about a family's ride in the car. Rhyming and sprinkled with words in Spanish, this is a winner for preschool and young school-age.

Uncle Peter's Amazing Chinese Wedding by Yumi Heo – Adorable story about jealousy, family, and love. Young school-age.

Mama, Do You Love Me? by Barbara Joosee—A young girl challenges the reach of a mother's love in this lovely book for preschoolers.

Papa, Do You Love Me? by Barbara Joosee— Same format as *Mama, Do You Love Me?*, but this time a young boy questions his father.

Lola Reads to Leo by Anna McQuinn—A sweet book about a big sister reading to her baby brother. Toddlers.

Families by Ann Morris—Large photographs and simple text show families from all over the world. Preschool.

If I Could: A Mother's Promise by Susan Milord—A nice, simple book for toddlers and preschoolers.

Rhyme of the Month

Come a Look a See

Come a look a see, here's my Mama
(hold up thumb)

Come a look a see, here's my Papa
(Extend index finger)

Come a look a see, Brother tall
(Extend middle finger)

Sister, Baby (extend ring finger, pinky)
I love them all! (blow a kiss)



Poem of the Month

Little

I am the sister of him.
And he is my brother.
He is too little for us
To talk to each other.

So every morning I show him
My doll and my book.
But every morning he still is
Too little to look.



Dorothy Aldis

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Due to the new smaller class size requirement, we will be issuing numbered tickets when you register for a STARS class. Please bring your ticket with you as you *MUST* have a ticket to gain entrance to the class.



Learning Ideas for November

Reading Buddy Creatures

Put out paper, glue sticks, paper plates, construction paper, safety scissors, googly eyes and other art supplies.

Tell the children that they can create a “reading buddy”.

Celebrate their artistic efforts and when the ‘creatures’ are finished,

Either let the children read to their creatures themselves (if they have learned how to read!) or choose a book to read to the entire group with their creatures.



Story Bag

After sharing a book at Circle Time. Talk with the children about what happened in the story. Who were the characters and what were the events?

On an index card, draw a picture or write a sentence about one thing that happened in the book or one of the characters or something memorable about the story.

Place the index card into a bag.

Every day at circle time, repeat this - adding an index card for every book shared.

At the end of a week or two of story sharing, pull out a card and read it or show it to the children and see if they can remember the book that inspired it.

To make this activity into a game (and to make it simpler for younger children) have all the books spread face up in the center of the circle so the children have a pool of titles from which to choose.

Talk together about the book stories again. Was there one that was easier to remember than the others? Why or why not?

Art Gallery

Tell the children that you will be creating an Art Show this month. Encourage them to offer you samples they would like to submit to the show. Focus on offering many different mediums for art creation—paper, paint, clay, fabric, yarn, beads etc.

Create tags with the name of the child and the name of their art piece on them and hang the art around the classroom with their tags next to them.

Invite other classrooms to ‘view’ your art show.

Share the book:

Mousterpiece by Jane Bresken Zalben or

Look! Look! Look! By Nancy Elizabeth Wallace.

Talk about the art shown in those books.



Have Fun!

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(in the parents/caregivers section of the Kids/Teens menu)