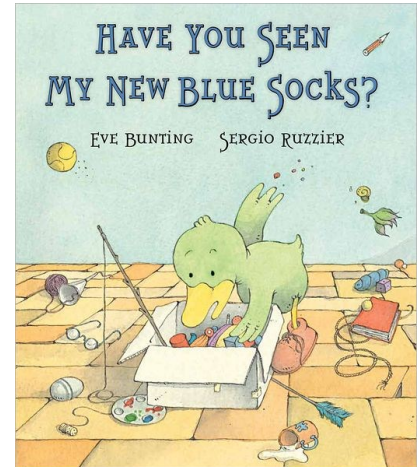


January 2014

## Books of the Month

### Have You Seen My New Blue Socks? by Eve Bunting

This wonderful new book by Eve Bunting follows a little duck as he questions his friends about his missing socks. The rhyme is very Seuss-like and spot-on. The story is familiar to most children—losing something they value—and the illustrations by Sergio Ruzzier are truly adorable. This is a perfect book for preschool circle times.



## Other fun books featuring *Clothing*

Old Hat, New Hat by Stan Berenstain—Very simple book about hats. Perfect for toddlers.

Pajama Time by Sandra Boynton – A rhyming pajama romp for all ages and a nice big, board book to boot. FUN!

Socksquatch by Frank W. Dormer—A monster searches (with the help of many monster friends) for a sock that fits. Preschool and young school-age.

Red Hat by Lita Judge—The illustrations star in this wonderful book about the travels of a red hat through a woodland animal community. A great book for toddlers.

Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons by Eric Litwin—Pete the Cat adds subtraction to his repertoire! This is a fun book that also demonstrates optimism! All ages.

Time to Get Dressed by Elivia Savadier— a toddler and his papa struggle over getting dressed in the morning in this adorable book for toddlers and preschoolers.

Button Up: Wrinkled Rhymes by Alice Schertle—humorous poems about clothes. Young school-age.

No Roses for Harry by Gene Zion—Harry receives a sweater and is NOT happy. All preschoolers deserve to hear this wonderful book read aloud. Preschool and young school-age.

## Rhyme of the Month

### My Hat

**My hat, it has three corners.**

*(Join thumbs & index fingers to form triangle and place on top of head)*

**Three corners has my hat.**

*(raise three fingers)*

**If it did not have three corners**

*(Make triangle and three fingers once again)*

**It would not be my hat!**

*(Hold out hands in a questioning way)*

## Poem of the Month

### The Bear Coat

The bear coat  
is a hair coat,  
a coat of fur  
to make bears purr.  
But bears don't purr.  
They grrrrr.

Karla Kuskin



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Due to the new smaller class size requirement the Pierce County Library will be issuing tickets for each STARS class. You must have a ticket to attend the class. We appreciate your patience and understanding!

## Learning Ideas for January:

### Buttons

Ask families and staff to bring in buttons and/or search the thrift store for a variety of buttons. These make wonderful additions to the preschool or young school-age art area and may also serve the children well for sorting activities.

Read Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons and then put out a selection of buttons for counting and sorting. Sort by size, shape, or color.

Other books featuring buttons:

Corduroy by Don Freeman

Joseph Had a Little Overcoat by Simms Taback



### Scarf Dancing for Toddlers

*With the cold weather, there may be more indoor time this month. To keep toddlers (and nearly any other age children) active, pass out scarves (or pieces of lightweight fabric) to every child. Play some festive music and spend some time dancing around the classroom.*

*Build vocabulary by adding simple directions:*

*“Wave your scarves above your head”*

*“Toss the red scarves high into the air”*

*“Twirl your scarves around yourself”*

*Etc.*

### Q-tip Painting

Supplies:

Paper

Water-based finger paint

Q-tips

If you are using white paper, use color paint. If using color paper, use white paint.

Spread the papers out, put the paint into cups (less mess) and encourage the children to dip the Q-tips into paint and dab them onto the paper to create designs.

Not only will you have lovely artwork, but the children will be practicing holding the Q-tips rather like pens and pencils so this is actually a pre-writing activity!



You can find a myriad of early learning information at our website:

<http://www.piercecountylibrary.org/>

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