Books of the Month

**Red is a Dragon: A Book of Colors** by Grace Lin
Grace Lin uses many traditional Chinese objects in the illustrations making this a lovely title to share to honor the Chinese New Year. But really, this is a wonderful choice to read anytime one is talking about colors. Roseanne Thong’s rhyming text suits Lin’s lovely illustrations perfectly. This is one in a series of books by this duo. All are worthy of sharing! Preschool.

Other fun books about Red Things

**Red** by Jed Alexander—A wordless picture book retelling of Little Red Riding Hood with a very different ending! This is a wonderful book. All ages.

**Apples are Red/La manxana es roja** by Sara Anderson —A simple, elegant board book with color names in both English and Spanish.

**One Red Dot** by David A. Carter —Incredible pop-up book of many moveable parts and one red dot. All ages.

**Red Truck** by Kersten Hamilton — A red truck comes to the rescue in this gentle, sweet story. Toddlers and Preschoolers.

**Red Hat** by Lita Judge —Very few words and vibrant oversized illustrations tell the story of a hat’s woodland adventures. This would also be a wonderful way to introduce show and tell knitting. All ages.

**The Red Book** by Barbara Lehman—wordless story about a magical red book. All ages.

**Red Sled** by Patricia Thomas —an adorable rhyming book about a boy, his father and a sled ride. All ages.

**Llama Llama Red Pajama** by Anna Dewdney — A little llama has trouble falling asleep in this fun, rhyming picture book. Preschool.

Rhyme of the Month

**Red Pajamas**
(tune: Bumping downtown in my little red wagon)

Jumping up and down wearing red pajamas,
Jumping up and down wearing red pajamas,
Jumping up and down wearing red pajamas
Won’t you be my darling?

Turning all around wearing red pajamas
Turning all around wearing red pajamas
Turning all around wearing red pajamas
Won’t you be my darling?

Poem of the Month

**Red Haiku**

Red butterfly clings
To the sandy-colored wall
My heart’s heart on wings.

“Jane Yolen”

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Learning Ideas for January

Physical Activities with Tape

Supplies:
1. Painters or Masking Tape

Place several two foot pieces of tape about a foot apart on the floor. Encourage the children to engage in these activities:

1. Jump from one line to the next.
2. Jump backward from one line to the next.
3. Jump from line to line on one foot.
4. See how many lines they can stretch their legs over (like doing the splits)
5. Stand on the first line and then bend over to touch the next line with their hands. Then walk forward on their hands, seeing how many lines they can reach over.
6. Measure themselves—how many lines do they cover? Perhaps write down the measurements and compare them.

*From the “Hands On as We Grow website: https://handsonaswegrow.com

Colorful Clothespins

- Clothespins in different colors (these are available at the hardware store.)
- Strips of paper with colored dots that match the colors of the clothespins or
- (for toddlers) Colorful paper folded in fourths—the colors should correspond to the color of the clothespins

Scatter the clothespins around the room. Pass out the strips or folded pieces of paper to the children. Encourage them to find clothespins that match the dots or the paper and attach them to the appropriate color.

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)