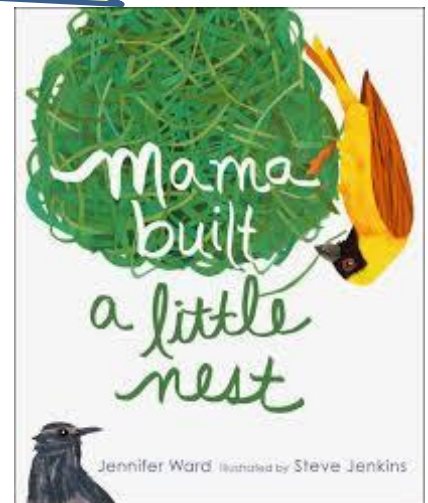


Our Summer Reading Program
this year is
"FIZZ BOOM READ"
Summer Reading officially begins
June 21st. Find out what's happening at
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Book of the Month

Mama Built a Little Nest by Jennifer Ward – Many kinds of birds and the variety of nests each species builds is the focus of this book told in a lyrical rhyming format. This is an easy book to both read aloud to a large group and introduce new concepts about birds! A good bedtime story as well. Ages 3-7.



New books featuring SCIENCE TOPICS...

Lightning Bolt Books- This is a fabulous new science series whose books discuss a wide range of topics from life science to physics and present clear explanations for children. Here are a few titles:

- [Can You Tell a Bee from a Wasp?](#) By Buffy Silverman
- [Do you Know About Reptiles?](#) By Buffy Silverman
- [Give it a Push! Give it a Pull! A Look at Forces](#) by Jennifer Boothroyd
- [Many Kinds of Matter: a Look at Solids, Liquids, and Gases](#) by Jennifer Boothroyd
- [Are You Ready for Summer?](#) By Sheila Anderson

Things that Float and Things that Don't by David A. Adler – Discusses in a clear and concise way why some things float and others sink. Ages 5-8.

Best Foot Forward by Ingo Arndt – Everything you ever wanted to know about animal feet – paired with up close pictures and told in a guess-the-animal format. Super entertaining! Ages 4-9.

Plant Secrets by Emily Goodman – Introduces readers to a variety of plants and walks them through a plant's life cycle. Ages 4-8.

Eat Like a Bear by April Pulley Sayre – This story takes readers through the eating year of a bear and chronicles what she eats month by month. Ages 4-8.

Lifetime: the Amazing Numbers in Animal Lives by Lola M. Schaefer – A look at the fascinating things achieved by animals in just one lifetime. Ages 6-10.

RHYMES OF THE MONTH

The Birds Sing "Good Morning"

Make your hands into bird beaks
In the leafy treetops
the birds sing "good morning."
They're first to see the sun,
They must tell everyone,
In the leafy treetops
the birds sing "good morning."

Oak Tree

Here is an oak tree, straight and tall
(stand up straight)
And here are its branches wide
(spread arms out wide, extend fingers)
Here is a nest of twigs and moss
(cup hands)
With three little birds inside.
(hold up three fingers)



LITERACY CONNECTIONS

Cooking and Science

SUN TEA

Here's a fun summer activity that children can make themselves. Children learn so much from cooking including numerous science concepts. In this case, they observe how the water changes color as the tea is absorbed into it and the effect that temperature has on this process.

What You Need -

- 1 gallon glass container or jar
- 12 decaffeinated or herbal tea bags
- 3 quarts cold water

Pour cold water into jar and add the tea bags. Cover tightly. Place the jar in the sunlight for several hours at least but you can leave it out for a day for stronger tea. Pour the tea through a strainer into a pitcher and serve with ice!

For added color and fun, you can add different fruits or herbs to the tea. Some ideas are –

- Mint leaves
- Lemons, limes, or oranges sliced
- Raspberries, strawberries, blueberries, or blackberries
- Basil leaves

Experiment with different flavor combinations throughout the summer. Make a graph and together chart which flavors each child prefers. Look at the graph together as a recap of your tea taste tests!



Literacy and Science

ANIMAL HOMES

After reading [Mama Built a Little Nest](#) by Jennifer Ward, our book of the month, talk to children about other types of animal homes. Where do bears live? What about horses? Whales? Pigs? Foxes? In your free play area, provide extra blankets, pillows, card board boxes, towels, etc. for children to create their own nests. Include books so children can cuddle up and read in their nests as well! Have fun!

Have Fun This Summer!