Books of the Month

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

There is a reason this book has been in print for over 50 years! The gentle tone, the lovely illustrations, the familiar content, all come perfectly together in a beautiful picture book. Every preschooler deserves to have this read to them from a warm lap on a winter day. Add a cup of hot cocoa for a perfect setting.

Other fun Classic Books

Stone Soup by Marcia Brown—This timeless story about people sharing and cooking up something delicious is a story that all children should hear. Older preschool and young schoolage.

Corduroy by Don Freeman—Wonderful imaginative book about an imperfect toy finding a home. Preschool.

Over in the Meadow by John Langstaff – There are many versions of the classic rhyme by Olive A. Wadsworth. (Fun to compare the illustrations!) This is an award winner and children may spend ages studying the illustrations.

Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey—For over 70 years, children have been enjoying the story of the ducklings trying to cross the road and the gentle Policeman, Michael who helps them. Preschool, young schoolage.

It Looked Like Spilt Milk by Charles Shaw—Children love deciphering the cloud shapes in this classic book. All ages.

Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig – This heartbreaking story shows us the power of love and hope. Young schoolage.

Mr. Rabbit and the Lovely Present by Charlotte Zolotow - Mr. Rabbit helps a young girl put together the perfect present for her mother’s birthday. Preschool.

Rhyme of the Month

Dickery, Dickery, Dare

Dickery, dickery, dare,
The pig flew up in the air
The man in brown
Soon brought him down,
Dickery, dickery, dare.
(For very young children lift them into the air and gently lower them.
Older children can jump.)

Poem of the Month

Nonsense #1

There was an Old Man with a beard,
Who said, "It is just as I feared!-
Two owls and a hen,
Four larks and a wren,
Have all built their nests in my beard!"
Edward Lear

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Learning Ideas for November:

Baking Soda/Vinegar Colors

Supplies
Large roasting pan
Large box of baking soda
Bottle of vinegar
3 Bowls
Food coloring: Red, Blue and Yellow
Turkey basters and eyedroppers

Place the pan on a table or the floor on a tablecloth or tarp. Fill the pan with baking soda. Fill the bowls with vinegar and a few drops of food coloring so you have yellow, red, and blue bowls of vinegar.

Demonstrate for the children what happens when you pull the vinegar into the baster or eyedropper and then squirt it on the baking soda in the pan.

The sizzle is fun and the children will also learn about creating and mixing color!

Print Awareness

Since we use print in so many areas of our lives, try and introduce it in as many ways as you can with your children. Bring in a menu from a restaurant and talk about it together—point out the names of the dishes, the descriptions, the prices. Engage the children in a discussion about their experience with menus (if any) After lunch, perhaps create a menu together with the children giving titles to dishes, descriptions etc.

Create menus for the housekeeping area. What sorts of menu items would the children like to add?

Copy photos from the internet to embellish the menus.

Talk with the children about restaurants - who works there? What is the scope of their work? How could you find out more about restaurants, wait staff, and restaurant work?

Thankfulness

Engage the children in a talk about thankfulness. Encourage them to name all the things for which they are thankful. Perhaps create a list on a large poster board and place it in the art center for the children to decorate. Leave it up for the parents to add their own contributions.

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