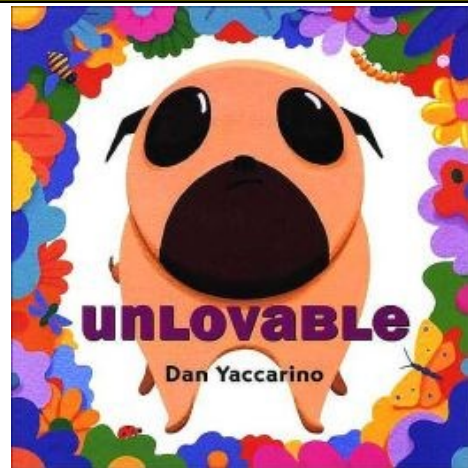


Books of the Month

Unlovable by Dan Yaccarino

Ignored and bullied by other dogs, little Alfred worries that he is unlovable, even as he dreams of finding a true friend. His dream looks like it may come true when (through the fence) he speaks to the new dog next door. But Alfred makes a mistake that might cost him the very friendship he wants so much. This is an adorable book about honesty, friendship, and kindness. Preschool.



Other fun books about Emotions

Feelings/La Emociones by Mary Berendes—This is a wonderful first look at the vocabulary of feelings. In English and Spanish. Toddlers and Preschoolers.

How Are You Peeling? by Saxton Freymann—A creative book that uses fruit and vegetable creations to talk about feelings. Perfect for preschool, but using only the photographs, it is wonderful for toddlers as well.

Grump, Groan, Growl by bell hooks—This is a wonderful book about the large feelings that we have and how we can cope with them. Toddlers and Preschool.

If You're Happy and You Know It by Anna McQuinn – This is a joyful rendering of the well-known song. Preschool and young school-aged.

The Feel Good Book by Todd Parr—This book celebrates the many things in life that make us feel good—the silly, the sweet, and the active. A great book for starting discussion. Preschool.

Walter was Worried by Laura Vaccaro Seeger – This creative book shows the different feelings that people have with the emotions literally spelled out in letters on their faces. Preschool and young school-aged.

Bear Feels Scared by Karma Wilson - This rhyming book features a wonderful story and is a great opening for children to talk about their fears. Preschool.

Rhyme of the Month

My Feelings

*When I am sad, I want to cry.
When I am proud, I want to fly.
When I am curious, I want to know.
When I am impatient, I want to go.
When I am bored, I want to play.
When I am happy, I smile all day.
When I am shy, I want to hide.
When I'm depressed, I stay inside.
When I am puzzled, I want to shrug.
When I am loving, I kiss and hug.*

Poem of the Month

Runaway

I think today I'll run away.
My heart is full of sorrow.
I'll disappear
For one whole year,
Or else, come back tomorrow.

William Wise



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Learning Ideas for October:

Seeds in a Pumpkin

Show the children three different size pumpkins and ask them to predict which pumpkin will contain the most seeds.

Ask them why they made that prediction.

Carve the pumpkins and count the seeds.

Talk about the results together.



Grandparents

This month turn your focus to grandparents. At circle time share the book, Our Grandparents: A Global Album by Maya Ajmera (or another book about Grandparents)

Engage the children in a discussion about grandparents—that they were once little children and that they have lived a very long time and have learning to share. Set out drawing materials and encourage the children to draw their grandparents. Perhaps encourage the families to send photos of the grandparents to add to the artwork. Let the children dictate loving facts about their grandparents and add them to the drawings.

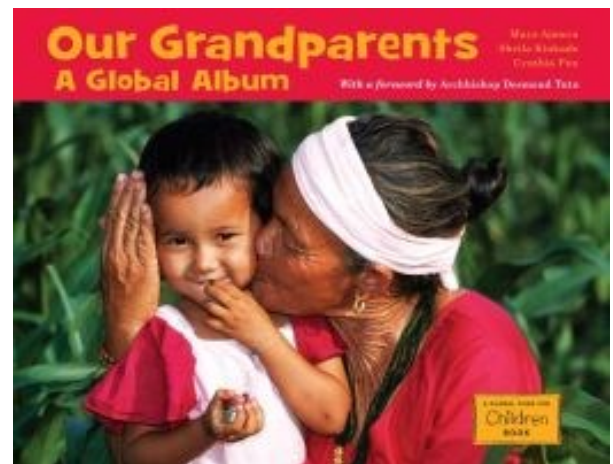
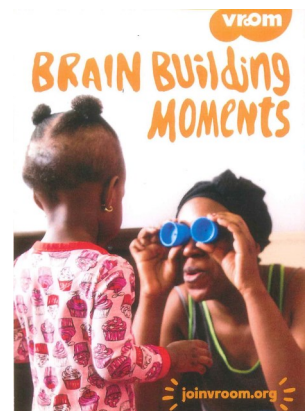
Vroom

Early Learning organizations around Pierce County are working together to spread the word about *Vroom*—a wonderful app that sends out daily simple early learning activities and the brain science behind them!

Vroom is tailored to a child's age, growing with them. It's very simple, and it's *fun!*

Explore the information, download the app, and help us spread the word to parents and caregivers in Pierce County!

Thank you!



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

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