

Hopewell Public Library - Story Time Ideas #4

Dear Story Time Friends,

Here are some Hopewell Public Library favorites that you can read at home. If you don't already have these books, click on YouTube for a read-aloud experience.

I've included a fourth set of 5 books - one for each day of the week, as well as some ideas I've used with my children, grandchildren and former students... and some that other teachers and parents have shared on the web.

Be well and safe!

Ms. Jennifer

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Jack and the Beanstalk (As retold by Steven Kellogg)

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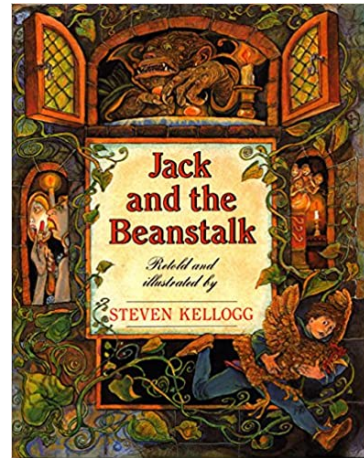
Then...

Be a Giant - Trace an adult shoe or boot on cardboard. Cut it out and tape to the bottom of a child's foot. Fee Fi Fo Fun!

Plant Beans - Place a wet paper towel in a clear glass or cup. Place a bean seed between the side of the cup and the paper towel so that you can see the roots develop. Put in a sunny window.

Transplant into your garden if you like, once the seed has more than two leaves.

Make a Sensory Bin - Fill a plastic dish pan with varied beans, rice lentils or a combination. Add measuring cups, spoons, small bottles with interesting shapes and varied sizes. Small hands will enjoy feeling the textures and weights of the beans and pouring and filling.



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Goldilocks and the Three Bears

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Then...

Cook some porridge - Adults and children together can measure out the ingredients and cook up some oatmeal. You can eat it in a small, medium or large bowl and even take the temperature of each bowl at 5 minute intervals to see which is too cold, too hot or just right.



Make a bear cave with a table and extra large blanket or sheet. Perhaps you can eat some pretend or real berries in your new home. Perhaps your stuffed bear would like to live there with you.

Re-tell and act out the story - You'll need large, medium and small chairs, bowls and spoons and some beds. You can use real ones or design and build your own.

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The Three Billy Goats Gruff (As retold by Jerry Pinkney)

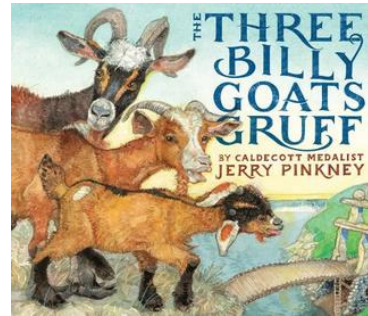
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Then...

Try designing your own bridge.

Cardboard, tp rolls and other recyclables, a pack or playing cards, legos or wooden blocks are good materials to consider.



Use paint, water colors, markers or crayons to **create a picture of the special meadow** the Billy Goats were traveling to. Does your meadow have sunshine? green grass? flowers? insects?

Have a goat cheese snack. Children can spread softened goat cheese on crackers or a slice of pear themselves. Yum!

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The Three Little Pigs (As retold by James Marshall)

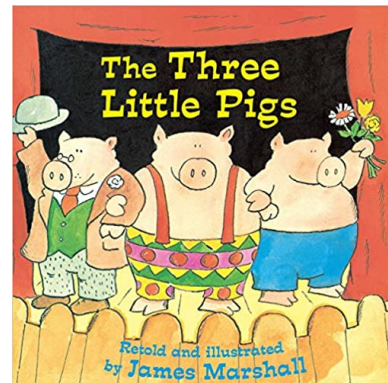
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Then...

Make a house of drinking straws, one of popsicle sticks and one of legos. Try blowing each one down.

Make a pig mask or puppet. Mix red and white paint to get pink then paint the back of a paper plate. Cut out 3 sections of a cardboard egg carton. Paint two of them pink on the outside and one pink on the inside. Use the first two as ears and the other as a snout, gluing both onto the paper plate. Make several small circles on black paper and cut them out. These can be the eyes and nostrils on the snout.



Make your own mud bricks. Experiment with mixing soil, water and some sand. You can add straw too. Pour the muddy mixture into a mold and let it dry in the sun for a few days. Pry the bricks out of the molds once they are solid and start building!

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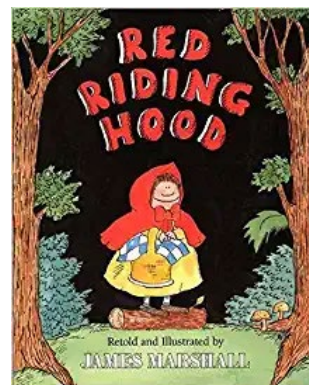
Little Red Riding Hood (As retold by James Marshall)

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Then...

Play a memory game. "I went to Grandma's house and I took a basket with an apple in it," says the first player. The next player adds another item saying, "I went to Grandma's house and I took a basket with an apple and a banana." Each player adds a new item to the list but has to mention the earlier items as well. Older children may enjoy adding items that start with each letter of the alphabet.



Re-create Red Riding Hood's forest journey. On a cookie tray use clay or play dough to make trees, toadstools, insects, etc; Gather twigs, acorns, bark, stones, pinecones and flower petals if allowed. You can sprinkle gravel in for a path. Use small toy figures for the wolf, child and adults in the story or make the figures yourself from recycled materials.

Make a custard pudding. Stir together 1 egg, 3 Tbsp sugar, 1 cup milk, 3/4 tsp vanilla and a pinch of salt. Put mixture in 2 custard cups and sprinkle with nutmeg. Place custard cups in a pan with hot water in it and put it in a 350 degree oven for 30-40 minutes or until a knife comes out clean. Once it's cool you can put it in a basket with spoons and a napkin on top and take your basket with you on a forest walk. When you get hungry and tired, you can stop and have your delicious snack.