

Hopewell Public Library - Story Time Ideas #2

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 two sets 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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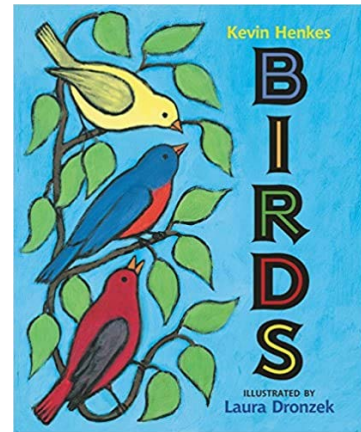
Birds by Kevin Henkes

- Click to watch a read-aloud on YouTube -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Xrti-oaJHI>

Then...

1. Use a bird feather to paint a picture.
2. Using yarn or ribbon, make a chain of cereal o's. Place on a tree or bush for birds to snack on.
3. Pretend you're a bird. Flap your arms, look for worms, SING!



The Odd Egg by Emily Gravett

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qyathRuiwBY>

Then...

1. Touch an egg. Describe the outside - oval, white, smooth...
Crack it open over a bowl.
Describe the inside - wet, runny, yellow...
2. Scramble it up and enjoy a taste.
2. Carefully decorate a hardboiled egg with markers.
3. Put a hard boiled egg on a spoon and have a race!



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The Surprise Garden by Zoe Hall

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lr66Gt4xs5Q>

Then...

1. Sort seeds of different colors and sizes in an ice cube tray or egg carton. (Beans work well for the tiniest hands.)

2. Make a seed mosaic by drawing lines on paper and then gluing seeds to the lines.

3. Cut out vegetable or flower pictures from a seed catalog and make a seasonal collage.



Everybody Needs A Rock by Byrd Baylor

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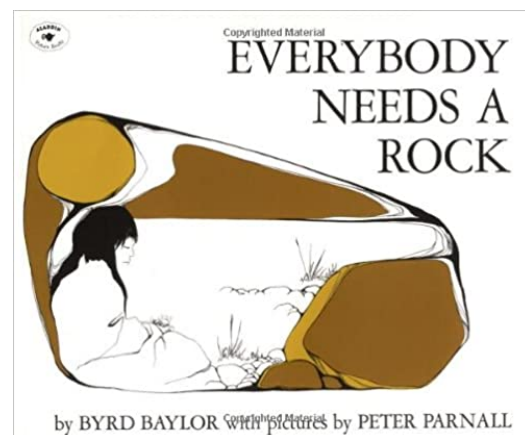
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Then...

1. Paint a rock. Or use markers.

2. Make up a lawn or board game with stones you have collected.

3. Collect some pebbles and place in a special place - patio, garden etc; Arrange them in a decorative design.



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The Earth and I by Frank Asch

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bg-rxJp9z3M>

Then...

1. Cut clean delivery boxes into large flat pieces. Glue on cut up egg cartons, tp and foil rolls, craft sticks and other recyclables until the base is completely covered. You can decorate further with buttons, bottle caps and lids. Turning trash into art!

2. Make new crayons from old ones by taking off crayon paper, breaking crayons into small bits and heating in a muffin tin at low heat (200F) until melted. Cool and use your new multicolored crayon chunks for new projects. Recycle, reuse!

3. Take a nature walk, gathering sticks, weeds, leaves, berries in a basket or pail. Make a circle by bending a hanger or braiding unneeded cloth. Use fishing line, string or yarn to attach your treasures. Hang it on your porch and celebrate the beauty of the earth!

