

Hopewell Public Library - Story Time Ideas #3

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 third 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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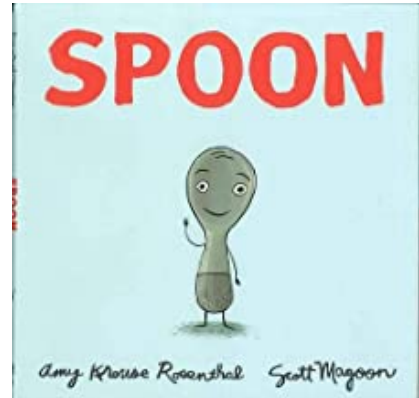
Spoon by Amy Krouse Rosenthal and Scott Magoon

- Click to watch a read-aloud on YouTube -

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Then...

1. Create your own spoon family. You can use cutlery and decorate with pipe cleaners, ribbons, markers (use plastic cutlery from take-out orders) and even googly eyes. You can put on a puppet show, build a home for your family, using an empty shoe or dictate or write a story about your family's adventures.



2. Make play dough. Practice cutting with a knife, slits with forks etc; Use other kitchen utensils to make cool prints.

3. Older children might like to learn how to make music with spoons. <https://www.wikihow.com/Play-the-Spoons>

Younger children can sort cutlery and help put them in their “homes” in the kitchen drawer

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Chloe by Peter McCarty

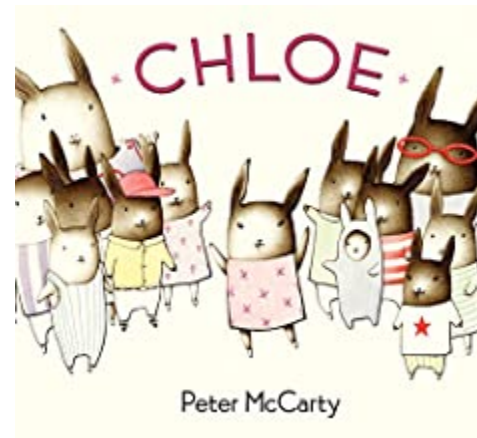
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Then...

Here are some things you can do with bubble wrap...

1. Stomp on it. Pop! Pop! Pip!
2. Cover a rolling pin with bubble wrap. Tape or rubber bands will hold the wrap in place. Roll into finger or tempera paint that you've on a cookie sheet or styrofoam tray. Place painted side of bubble wrap on clean light colored paper to make interesting colored print patterns.
3. Cut bubble wrap into shapes and paint with water colors. You can practice shape knowledge or make flowers, animals and other prints.



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Wonderful Worms by Linda Glaser

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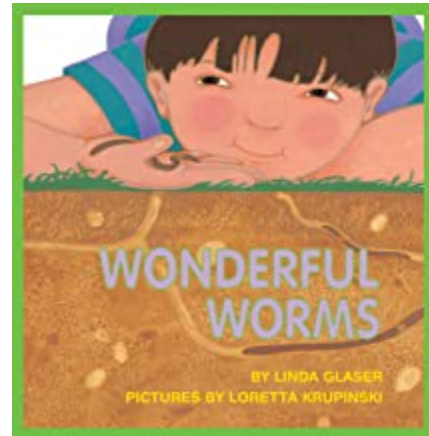
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1. Dig for earth worms. Gently lift up 2 or 3 and place on a tray that has some soil and dried leaves on it. Have water ready in a spray bottle to spritz the worms if they start to dry out. Look at the worms with a magnifying glass.

You can touch worms carefully with one finger. Is it cold? wet? wiggly?

2. You can make a worm habitat. Get a plastic or glass jar or container and fill it with dirt, dried leaves and some vegetable or fruit peels. If the container is clear you'll be able to see the worms making tunnels and eating. Watch for a few days and then put the worms carefully back in their real homes or in a compost pile if you have one.

3. Dip a finger in paint and then onto paper to make trails and swoops - a "worm" painting.



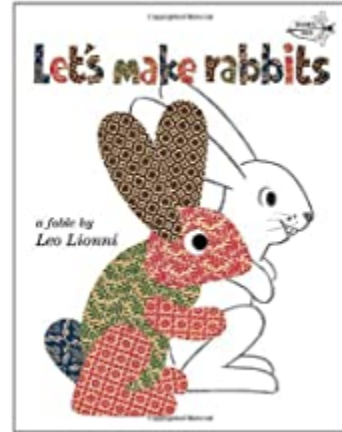
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Let's Make Rabbits by Leo Lionni

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Then...

1. A pencil, scissors and scraps of brightly colored paper. What can YOU make with these things?
2. Turn off the lights, turn on a flashlight and dance in front of a blank wall to make shadows.
3. Have some bunny food for snack, in your garden, if it's a nice day. Carrots and celery dipped in hummus are one idea.



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Mushroom in the Rain by Mirra Ginsburg

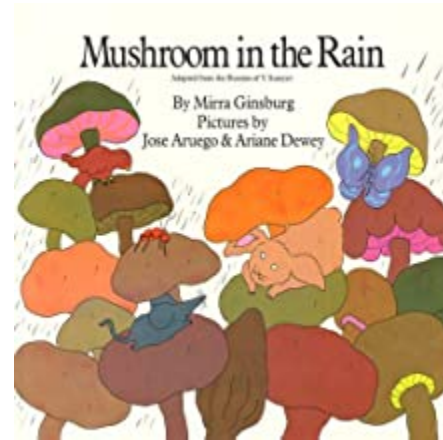
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Then...

1. Go on a mushroom hunt. Take a magnifier, small basket, and maybe gloves, because some wild mushrooms can be unsafe to eat.

Do mushrooms like sun, shade, wet or dry places? Look at their different shapes and colors. Take a deep sniff. Learn the parts of a mushroom - the cap, the stem and the velvety part under the cap which is called the gills.



2. Practice new knife skills by carefully slicing store bought mushrooms with a plastic knife. Cook them up and notice how they shrink in the pan and change color. Mushrooms on toast are a great snack or lunch treat.

3. If you have some mushrooms that are no longer good, you can cut the stems off and holding the caps, dip them into white paint.

Then place onto dark paper. The mushroom gills will make intricate designs.