

Hopewell Public Library - Story Time Ideas #5

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 fifth 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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The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear by Don and Audrey Wood

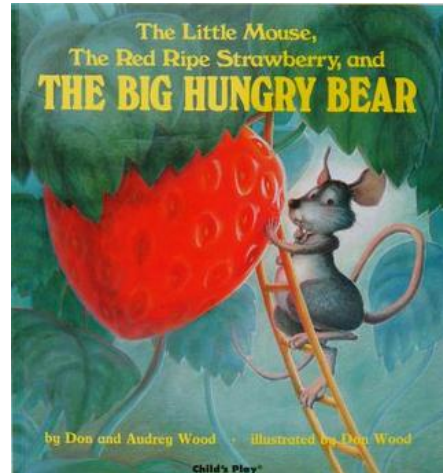
- Click to watch a read-aloud on YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZXptVucYE9U>

Then...

1. Go strawberry picking. Cut off the stems and slice your strawberries in two and share with a friend.

2. Draw a picture of where or how you would hide your strawberry to keep it safe.

3. Use plastic berry boxes dipped in paint to make interesting prints.



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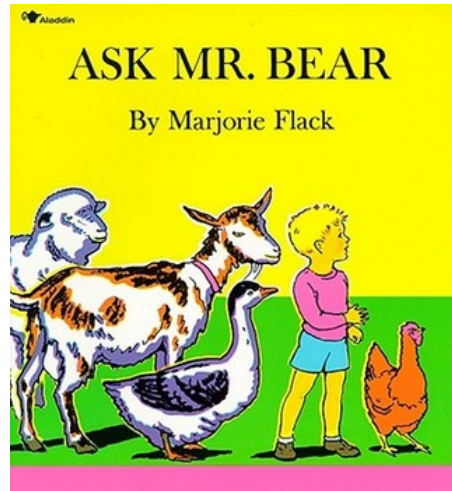
Ask Mr. Bear by Marjorie Flack

- Click to watch a read-aloud on YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=010y2QNM9nM>

Then...

1. Take a walk and don't forget to skip, trot, hop, gallop and run.

2. Pour some milk in a small jar with a lid and shake that jar until it turns into butter. Have a taste. If you have extra you can wrap it up to give to a special someone for their birthday.



3. Make a bear mask. Cut a paper plate in half and punch two holes in it for eyes. Punch a hole on each side of the mask for ties. Cut the other half of the paper plate in half and use these quarters to make ears. They can be stapled or glued onto the top of the mask.

Color your mask. Two pipe cleaners or very thin strips of construction paper can be used for whiskers.

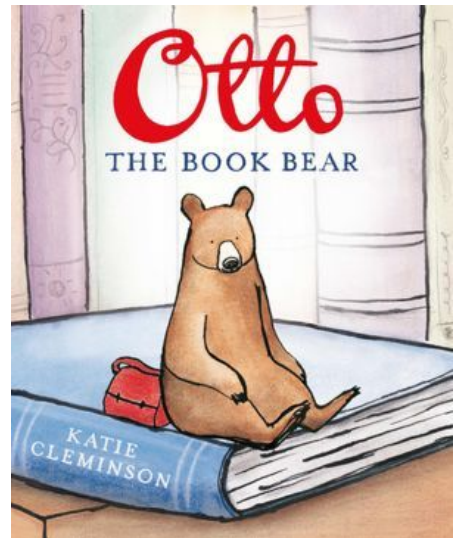
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Otto The Book Bear by Katie Cleminson

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Then...

1. Make a bear snack. Toast a piece of brown bread. Place 2 banana slices at the top corner and one in the middle of the bread slice for a mouth. Place one raisin on top of the banana slice in the middle for a nose and two above that for eyes.



2. Otto makes a plan when he gets lonely. Draw a picture or write about a plan you might make if you were all alone.

3. Otto has a red bag that he takes everywhere. Make a drawing or list of things you would put in your special bag.

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Dandelion Adventures by L. Patricia Kite

- Click to watch a read-aloud on YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WNEyVjHChI>

Then...

1. You can create a picture of a dandelion with q-tips and yellow paint.

2. If you find a dandelion that has set seeds (it looks like a feathery white ball) you can blow on it and make a wish.

3. Take a dandelion walk and pick a bouquet to take home. You can make a slit with your fingernail in a stem and thread another stem through. If you do many of these you will have a chain. Connect the ends up and you can make a crown, necklace or bracelet.



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Ten Little Caterpillars by Bill Martin Jr.

- Click to watch a read-aloud on YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oDssqHlrH3I>

Then...

1. See if you can find a caterpillar on a garden plant. Examine it carefully with a magnifying glass. Can you tell what kind it is?

2. Plant a butterfly-friendly plant in your garden. Monarchs like milkweed, painted ladies like daisies.

3. Make your own caterpillar. Press your pointer finger on a stamp pad and make a line of dots down the middle of the popsicle stick. Or glue on pompoms. Pipe cleaners can also be twisted around a stick to make a caterpillar.

