



Fall 2009 Early Literacy Newsletter

Fall into a Good Book!



Fall is a beautiful season to watch unfold. There's the anticipation of beginning school for the first time, gardens are harvested, the air grows crisp, leaves begin to fall, and the natural world is filled with changing colors. Celebrate the new season with these children's picture books:

Apple Farmer Annie by Monica Wellington

Apples and Pumpkins by Anne Rockwell

Every Autumn Comes the Bear by Jim Arnosky

Fall Leaves Fall by Zoe Hall
Fletcher and the Falling Leaves by Julia Rawlinson

Four Friends in Autumn by Tomie dePaola

I Know it's Autumn by Eileen Spinelli
In November by Cynthia Rylant

It's Fall by Linda Glaser

Leaves by David Ezra Stein

The Little Yellow Leaf by Carin Berger

Mouse's First Fall by Lauren Thompson

Patty's Pumpkin Patch by Teri Sloat

The Pumpkin Fair by Eve Bunting

Possum's Harvest Moon by Anne Hunter

Red Are the Apples by Marc Harshman

Who Loves the Fall? by Bob Raczka

Early Literacy Tip



Engage in play that encourages

letter recognition.

Play with foam, magnetic, cloth, or block alphabet letters. Read alphabet books to your child.

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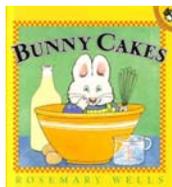
Staff Favorites

Dana's
Pick:



Always in Trouble
by Corrine Demas

Curtis's
Pick:



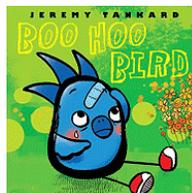
Bunny Cakes
by Rosemary Wells

Heidi's
Pick:



*King Bidgood's
in the Bathtub*
by Audrey Wood

Kristin's
Pick:



Boo Hoo Bird
by Jeremy Tankard

Peik-Kuan's
Pick:



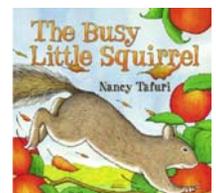
*Oliver
Finds His Way*
by Phyllis Root

Robin's
Pick:



10,000 Dresses
by Marcus Ewert

Ruth Rose's
Pick:



*The Busy
Little Squirrel*
by Nancy Tafuri

Starting School or Childcare

Starting school can be an exciting, but often stressful, transition for a young child. Whether a child is heading off to preschool, childcare, or kindergarten for the first time in September, parents want to know that their child is ready for this big transition and off to a good start.

The Youth Librarians recommend the following books to help with your child's transition:

Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come!



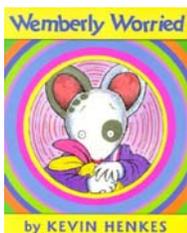
by Nancy Carlson
Even though Henry is looking forward to going to kindergarten, he is not sure about staying once he first gets there.



Llama Llama Misses Mama
by Anna Dewdney
Llama Llama experiences separation anxiety on his first day of nursery school.

My First Day at Nursery School

by Becky Edwards
On the first day of preschool, a little girl misses her mother, but on the second day she is excited to go back.



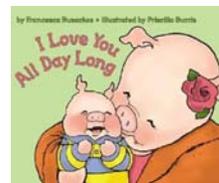
by KEVIN HENKES

Wemberly Worried by Kevin Henkes
A mouse named Wemberly, who worries about everything, finds that she has a whole list of things to worry about when she faces the first day of



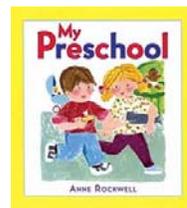
by AUDREY PENN

The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn
When Chester the raccoon is reluctant to go to kindergarten for the first time, his mother teaches him a secret way to carry her love with him.

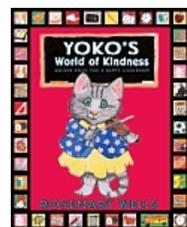


I Love You All Day Long

by Francesca Rusackas
When a little pig worries about being apart from his mother when he goes off to school, she reassures him.



My Preschool by Anne Rockwell
Follows a little boy during his day at preschool, from cheerful hellos in circle time, to painting colorful pictures and playing at the water table, to passing out paper cups for snack.



Yoko's World of Kindness by Rosemary Wells
Six stories about earning skills and building confidence, about how people are different, how teasing can hurt feelings, and about making friends for children going to school for their very first year.



Celebrate Grandparents Day Sept. 13!

Grandparents and grandchildren can share a special and unique bond. In 2009, Grandparents Day is celebrated on September 13th. Holidays and summer months are often the times when families visit their extended relatives who may live miles away. For other families, seeing Grandma and Grandpa is a regular occurrence. In fact, according to a 2006 American Community Survey, 6.1 million grandparents have grandchildren younger than 18 living with them. Many of these grandparents also serve as their grandchildren's primary caregivers. [Source: http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Products/users_guide/index.htm]

If you are a grandparent yourself, you might find useful information at the **AARP's Grandparenting Information Center:**
<http://www.aarp.org/family/grandparenting/>
Whether grandparents are near or far, they deserve to be celebrated!

Books to share:

At Grandma's by Rhonda Greene



Full, Full, Full of Love by Trish Cooke

The Grandpa Book by Todd Parr

The Granddad's Fishing Buddy by Mary Quigley

Hooray for Grandparent's Day! by Nancy L. Carlson

I Already Know I Love You by Billy Crystal

I Love Saturdays Y Domingos by Alma Flor Ada

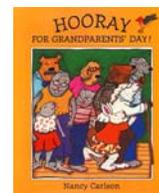
I Loved You Before You Were Born by Anne Bowen

I'm Going to Grandma's by Mary Ann Hoberman

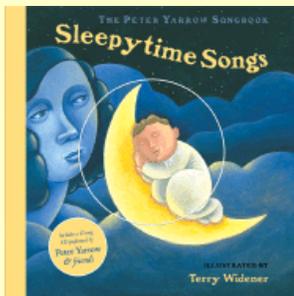
Lots of Grandparents by Shelley Rotner (J 306.8745 ROTNER)

Silly Billy by Anthony Browne

What Grandmas Do Best / What Grandpas Do Best by Laura Numeroff

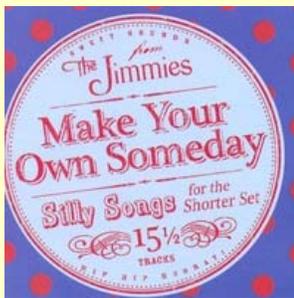


Music Picks



The Peter Yarrow Songbook: Sleepytime Songs

This picture book/cd combination features *All the Pretty Horses*, *Brahm's Lullaby*, and other sleepytime folk favorites.



Make Your Own Someday: Silly Songs for the Shorter Set (*The Jimmies*)

Get ready to rock, swing, and dance along with this energetic band that will appeal not only to children, but their parents, too!

Rhyme Corner

**Now it's time for sleeping
The bears go in their caves**

Keeping warm and cozy

Time for lazy days

When the snow is gone

And the sun comes out to play

The bears will wake up from their sleep

And then go on their way.



Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson
E WILSON

On a cold winter night many animals gather to party in the cave of a sleeping bear, who then awakes and protests that he has missed the food and the fun.

Playing with the Alphabet



Letter knowledge is the ability to recognize that each letter is different with different sounds and different names.

Letter knowledge is an important early literacy skill. What does this mean for your child? Before your child enters kindergarten, he or she should be introduced to the alphabet through a variety of ways—by singing the alphabet song, sharing alphabet books, writing, and pointing out different letters and sounds in the print around your house and town. A child's eventual success in school begins before she's ever entered through the doors of her first classroom.

Would you be surprised to learn that a child's knowledge of the alphabet when she enters kindergarten is one of the best predictors of her 10th grade reading ability?

For babies, playing with shapes and blocks help builds the foundation for learning the alphabet.

Toddlers and preschoolers can play with the ABCs by making letters out of play dough, using their whole bodies to write letters in the air, feel the shapes of letters with sandpaper letters, and play with foam, block and magnetic alphabet sets.

Choose alphabet books with clear, simple representations of letters—both lower and upper case—and illustrations of familiar objects. Once a child has learned the ABCs, move on to books that illustrate the different sounds each letter makes.

Looking for a good alphabet book to share with your child? We recommend the following picture books to build letter knowledge:

- **Alligators All Around** by Maurice Sendak
- **Alphabet Rescue** by Audrey Wood
- **Alphabet Under Construction** by Denise Fleming
- **The Alphabet from A to Y with Bonus Letter, Z!** by Steve Martin
- **Chicka Chicka Boom Boom** by Bill Martin Jr.
- **Eating the Alphabet** by Lois Ehlert
- **Flora McDonnell's ABC** by Flora McDonnell
- **Shiver Me Letters: a Pirate's ABC** by June Sobel
- **Toot and Puddle: Puddle's ABC** by Holly Hobbie



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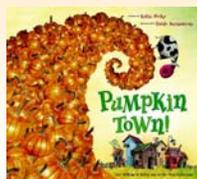


Fall Early Literacy Activities

Inspired by *Leaf Man* by Lois Ehlert & *Pumpkin Town (or nothing is better or worse than pumpkins)* by Katie McKy



Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert tells the story of a man made of leaves who blows away, traveling where the wind takes him. After reading the story, take a nature walk outside and collect leaves, nuts, seeds, and sticks to make a leaf man or nature collage with your child. Talk about the journey your child's leaf man might take in the wind.



Pumpkin Town! (or nothing is better or worse than pumpkins) by Katie McKy is a good fall-themed read-aloud illustrating that there can be "too much of a good thing." After a plentiful pumpkin harvest, five brothers get rid of the pumpkin seeds they no longer need. When the seeds get carried by the wind and cover the town, sprouting vines and pumpkins everywhere, the brothers must find a way to save the town. After reading the story with your child, cut open a pumpkin and clean out the seeds. Roast the seeds to eat or use for counting, sorting or for decorating a collage. Counting and sorting helps build early math skills.



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Storytime Plus: Fall Schedule

Interested in taking a class with your child?



Wondering about what it would be like? Teachers from Linn Benton Community College's Parenting Education Department will be visiting the library in September to tell you about some of the parent-child classes that will be offered at the college this Fall. Come join us after storytime at the Corvallis library to find out more.

Time:

10:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

Location:

**Storytime Room
Corvallis-Benton County
Public Library**

Schedule:

**Sept. 2nd - Live and Learn
With Your Baby**

**Sept. 8th - Live and Learn
with Two Year Olds**

**Sept. 11th - Parents and
Toddlers Together**

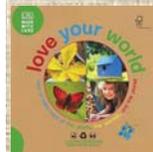
**Sept 17th -Creative
Development Lab
(for 2.5—5 year-olds)**

Earth-Friendly Kids

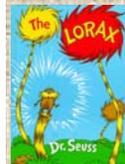
Recommended children's books for raising awareness of our Earth's precious resources:



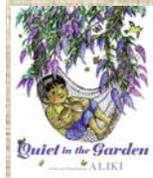
A Cool Drink of Water by Barbara Kerley
J 363.61 KERLEY



Love Your World: How to take care of the plants, the animals, and the planet by Dawn Sirett
J 363.7 SIRETT



The Lorax by Dr. Seuss
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Quiet in the Garden by Aliki
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