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Aligned In Learning

The Be **READY** Rover Review

February's Storytime Theme: **Sharing is Caring**

READ



The Great Fuzz Frenzy
Janet Stevens & Susan Crummel



Prairie Dog's Hideaway
Dee Phillips



The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog!
Mo Willems



Share & Take Turns
Cheri J. Meiners

We try to achieve the 6 early literacy skills - **Print Motivation, Print Awareness, Letter Knowledge, Vocabulary, Phonological Awareness** (such as rhyming words), and **Narrative Skills** – by including 5 basic activities in our lesson plans: **TALK, SING, READ, WRITE, PLAY.**

TALK

Why were the prairie dogs fighting? What made them stop fighting? Can you think of another way the fighting could have been stopped? When the pigeon shared his hot dog, he got less hot dog, but gained something else(a friend). What things can YOU share?

SING

We sang and performed *We're Going on a Snow Walk* (a winter version of *We're Going on a Bear Hunt.*)

WRITE

The preschoolers made prairie dog paper bag puppets, by gluing pre-cut parts onto the bag and drawing the features. Each child was given a piece of a green boa to simulate the "fuzz" in *The Great Fuzz Frenzy*, to use to decorate his prairie dog .

PLAY

The children put on their prairie dog puppets while I brought out some other prairie animals, and hid their puppets behind their backs when a predator came out.

Younger children played the "Roll and Play" game, rolling a multi-colored die and following directions on the matching color card to perform actions: find colors in the room, make an animal's sound, jump 4 times, make a "high 5", make a happy face, etc.

MORE IDEAS for Sharing is Caring

Taking turns is a way of sharing. Play simple games that move quickly but still require the children to take turns.

ALPHABET KABOOM!



This is a game that is very easy to make and play, and that can be adapted to develop many early literacy skills. Use 26 popsicle sticks and use a fine-tipped permanent marker to write a letter on one end (or a shape, a number, a color, or a sight word for older children). On 6 more popsicle sticks write KABOOM!. Place the sticks into a container, with the letters at the bottom. The children take turns pulling out a stick and saying the letter. When a player pulls out a KABOOM!, they have to put their sticks back into the container. Set a timer, and the child with the most sticks when the timer rings wins.

Check Out : <http://www.earlylit.net/videos/> for wonderful tips for Story time from an Early Literacy expert. Also: <http://www.storyblocks.org/> for videos of songs and fingerplays, in English and other languages, with many in Spanish.

If there are certain kinds of books or materials you would like me to bring out to you, just call me at : 717-207-0500 ext. 1201, or email : mbenson@lancasterlibraries.org

Literacy & STEM ideas

STICKER NAMES

FINE MOTOR SKILLS ACTIVITY



Dot markers would work well, too.

CARDBOARD STEM ACTIVITIES



To strengthen the paper towel and toilet paper tubes, coat with Mod Podge or diluted white glue.

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