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The Be **READY** Rover Review

THE NEW BE READY ROVER IS HERE!

April's Storytime Theme: **IT'S SPRING!**

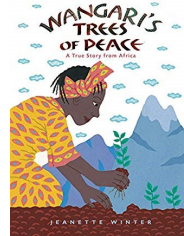
READ



Welcome Spring
Jill Ackerman



Spring Is Here
Will Hillenbrand



Wangari's Trees of Peace
Jeanette Winter

TALK

What season has just begun? How can you tell it is Spring? Do you celebrate any holidays in the Spring? What are they, and how do you celebrate them? April 22nd is Earth Day. Why do we have Earth Day? How can you help take care of the earth?

SING

While listening to a CD of the music, the children learned "The Bunny Hop".

PLAY

After reading *Wangari's Trees of Peace*, the children took turns putting magnetic story pieces on the dry erase board while I helped them retell the story.

WRITE

The children made blooming tree pictures by gluing long rectangular strips to a piece of construction paper to make a trunk and branches, then crumpling up pre-cut tissue paper squares to make flowers and gluing them to the tree with glue sticks.

EARTH DAY Activities:

Make bird treats! Use a heart-shaped cookie cutter on a slice of bread. Poke a hole in the top with a pencil. Brush egg white onto the bread and press birdseed on top. Let it dry. Thread ribbon or yarn through the hole, then tie it to a tree branch.

Nature Shapes Collages: Give out shape cards, and let the children hunt for items in Nature that match the shapes. When the items are all collected, have the children sort them by shape on pieces of posterboard cut to each shape, and glue the items to their board to make collages.

Texture Exploration: Collect items from Nature with different textures (let the children collect with you if possible!). Divide a piece of posterboard into a grid of squares, and attach an item in each square. Blindfold the children and have them touch the items and tell you how they feel. Let them guess what the item is.

"5,6 Pick up Sticks!" Let the children collect sticks outside, then ask them to line them up from shortest to longest, and vice versa.

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**

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.**

EASY SPRING CRAFTS



HYACINTH FLOWER

Wrap a paper towel tube with green paper and glue or tape. Let children crumple pre-cut tissue paper squares and glue on top half for flowers. Cut long leaves and glue on bottom half.



Dip the bottom of a water or soda bottle into paint to make flower petals. Add a center dot.



Let children cut shapes, or provide pre-cut shapes, and let them design their own flowers.

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