

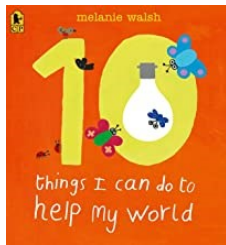


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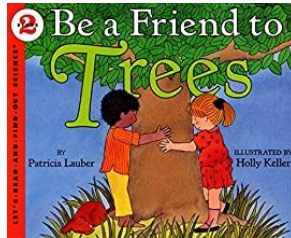
The Be READY Rover Review

April 2020 Storytime Theme: Let's Care for our Earth

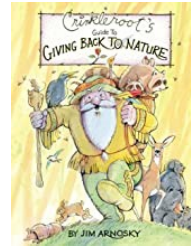
READ



10 Things I Can Do to Help My World
by Melani Walsh



Be a Friend to Trees
Patricia Lauber



Crinkleroot's Guide to Giving Back to Nature
Jim Arnosky

A Message from Miss Mary

I'm still working from home, and still missing seeing everyone and reading together. For now I have to be happy with virtual storytimes, on Facebook! I will be sending the links to them as they are posted, and mailing the materials for the crafts. Be careful and stay well!

TALK

Is it Spring yet? (Spring started March 19th.) How do we know when it's Spring? Have you noticed what is happening outside to trees and bushes and the earth? There are many special days this month; can you name them? (Easter-4/12, Earth Day-4/22, Arbor Day-4/24, and the National Day of Puppetry-4/25)

SING

3 Action songs were featured: "Little Raindrops Falling Down" (to tune of "London Bridge is Falling Down"), "Dig, Dig, Dig the Earth" (to the tune of "Row Row Row Your Boat"), and "The Caterpillar Rap", (to the tune of "Down in the Jungle")

PLAY

I visited with 2 puppet guests -Treestache", the talking tree, as he told me how important trees are for the earth and people, and Axel, the Axolotl, a rare and "critically endangered" salamander that can perfectly reconstruct a damaged spinal cord, jaw, skin and even brain cells! Will we uncover their secrets before they disappear forever?

WRITE

I demonstrated how children can decorate dampened coffee filters with markers and experiment with mixing colors. I showed 3 ways to make butterflies from these filters after drying, one of which is a puppet, and an easy way to make coffee filter flowers for the butterflies to visit!

More Ideas for Spring

Symmetrical Butterfly Prints: Wrap a kitchen sponge in the middle with a hair tie to make a butterfly shape. Using paint in squeeze bottles, apply blobs of paint to 1 half of the sponge. Fold the sponge in half to repeat the pattern on the other half. (You can talk about "symmetry".) Apply painted side to paper, and add antennae.



Make a playdough caterpillar. Show the children how to make playdough balls and let them push them together to make a caterpillar.

Q-tips make very nice antennae. Make one with a pattern of colors and ask the children to copy it.

Patterning with plastic eggs: Gather 24 plastic Easter eggs, with 2 of each color. Arrange 12 in a clean egg carton and challenge a child to repeat your pattern with the other 12 eggs. 2 children can do this activity together.

Puddle Jumping: Cut blue ovals of cloth or felt and lay them out on a rug or carpet (not on a bare floor), to make an obstacle course. Have the children follow the path, first jumping from one "puddle" to the next (they could wear boots!), then jumping *over* each puddle.

Easy Spring Crafts



Dip plastic forks in paint to make a tulip patch.



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Striped Easter Eggs: Children arrange colored strips on a white egg shape. After trimming the excess strips off the edges, the striped egg is glued onto a slightly bigger colored egg shape to make a nice border.



Make a spring wreath: Cut out the center of a paper plate to make a wreath shape. Punch holes in the shape and pull 1 corner of colored coffee filters through them to secure.

If there is any way I can help during this stressful, challenging time, please just call me at :
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