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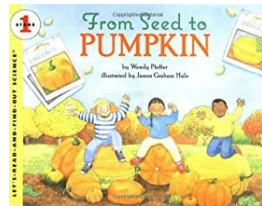
The Be **READY** Rover Review

June 2020 Storytime Theme: The Magic of Water

READ



Weather
by Kristin Baird Rattini



From Seed to Pumpkin
by Wendy Pfeffer



Jack and the Beanstalk
by George Bridge

I 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 my lesson plans: **TALK, SING, READ, WRITE, PLAY.**

More Fun Activities:



Make a real beanstalk! Plant a lima bean in each cup and train the plant around the bamboo skewer or a plant stake.

TALK

Think of how many ways we use water! How do **you** use water? Where does water come from? How do you have fun with water?

SING

“Once a little apple seed” - an action song sung to the tune of “The Itsy Bitsy Spider”

PLAY

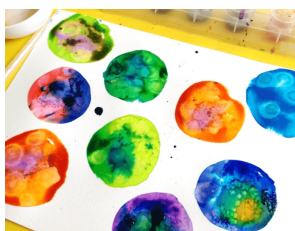
My puppet buddy Pete learned a safer way to sneeze, and how to wash his hands to get rid of germs. He also assisted as I demonstrated how to plant mint and bean seeds, and talked about what plants need to live. I performed “Jack and the Beanstalk” on a flannel board. I talked about how water is a good choice when you’re thirsty—better than soda or sugary drinks— and used some mint leaves to flavor a glass of water. I also performed an experiment that showed how rain comes from clouds, using shaving cream and blue food coloring.

STEM

I demonstrated 2 art projects using watercolors:
1. Using the “crayon-resist” method, print each child’s name on a piece of white paper, using a white crayon. Then let the children cover the paper with watercolor paint, revealing their names.
2. Each child is given a handout with upper and lower case W’s, and asked to paint a picture of water on the paper. (They could depict a glass of water, a fishbowl, a lake or the ocean, etc.) Then they could add to what they have painted (fish, boats, people etc.), by drawing or painting, or gluing on pre-cut shapes.

WRITE

The Summer Reading Program begins June 20th! Everything happens **online** this summer! **Sign up & check out the prizes:** <https://lancasterlibraries.org/srp/>
This summer’s theme is “**Imagine Your Story**”, including fairy tales, fables, fantasy, and whatever you can imagine!



Here’s a fun way to paint with liquid watercolors; brush a design on paper using only water, then use an eye dropper to drop liquid watercolors just on the wet areas. You can buy liquid watercolor paints, or make your own using water and food coloring. You could also leave “dried-out” markers in a small amount of water overnight or until the color is deep enough.



Stack 3” pool noodle pieces to reach the castle, and count them.

TIP: First draw guidelines on the pool noodle with a marker and cut with a serrated knife.



Use graham crackers, cheerios, and banana pieces.

From Pinterest

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