

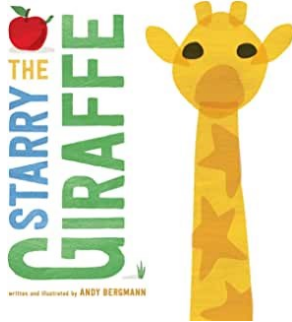


The Be **READY** Rover Review

December, 2021 - Storytime

ATTENTION! If you are not yet on the list for book deliveries, and would like to be, please call Mary at 717-207-0500, ext. 1201.

READ



The Starry Giraffe by Andy Bergmann

At first glance this book does not seem to relate to the Holiday Season, but the story celebrates something all the holidays share.

WINTRY CRAFTS



Make these cute polar bears by adding an oval to the thumb of a handprint and filling in bear features.

TALK

Ask the children: What did you think of the giraffe? How do you feel when someone gives you a gift? How do you feel when **you** give a gift to someone?

SING

The holidays have traditionally been celebrated by people singing special songs together. I performed "Jingle Bells" with the help of a chorus of puppets with bells and shakers, (with the magic of video!).

PLAY
WRITE

I retold "The Starry Giraffe" with puppets. When the children act out or see a story acted out, they can better understand the story, and identify with the characters.

I demonstrated another way to retell "The Starry Giraffe", a method that lets the children participate and that could be used to retell other simple stories. I emailed patterns for the characters in the story for the children to color and cut out.



Collect some twigs and small branches and let the children glue them to stiff paper. The Q-tips help with fine motor skills.

Make a liquid-free snowglobe!



1. Trace around a 7" clear plastic plate on a piece of white construction paper and cut out. 2. Let children make a winter scene on the paper circle, including falling snowflakes, using crayons. 3. Let children paint over the entire picture with blue watercolor paint. When dry, add 2 TBSP granulated tapioca. 4. Glue plastic plate to edge of winter scene. Let dry in flat position. **NOTE: For young children, you can let them make a snowman by gluing precut shapes, together, on a blue construction paper circle.**

Get Healthy With Rover!

In addition to promoting literacy skills, the Be **READY** Rover program has added a **Health Literacy** component. For the next 6 months, storytime will include health topics ;December's focus is **Emotions/Mental Health**. January's topic is **Getting Sick!** For up-to-date information on **all health matters**, go to **MedlinePlus.gov**; you can even find great recipes there!



Let the children make their own personalized snowmen as they learn the letters in their names.