



# The Be **READY** Rover Review

February, 2022 - Storytime

## ATTENTION!

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

We are very happy to welcome **Megan Eshleman, our new Early Literacy Outreach Specialist!** She is an experienced teacher and librarian, and is very excited to join the Be **READY** Rover crew!

## READ

WILLIAM STEIG  
Doctor De Soto



*Doctor De Soto* by William Steig

Doctor De Soto is a dedicated dentist, who also is a **mouse**, who takes pity on a fox with a terrible toothache. The fox happily accepts his help, while deciding to eat the Doctor and his wife when the treatment is finished, but the clever mice outfox the fox!

## TALK

Have you ever gone to a dentist? What was it like?

## SING

I demonstrated a favorite action song— **Frosty the Snowman**: “Frosty the Snowman was a jolly happy soul, with a corncob pipe and a button nose and 2 eyes made out of coals. Frosty the Snowman was a fairy tale they say. He was made of snow but the children know how he came to life one day. There must have been some magic in that old silk hat they found, for when they put it on his head he began to dance around! Frosty the Snowman was alive as he could be, and the children know he could dance and play just the same as you or me. Thumpity thump thump, Thumpity thump thump, look at Frosty go. Thumpity thump thump, Thumpity thump thump, over the hills of snow...”

## PLAY

Bookworm went to the Job Fair and met a doctor, a surgeon, a police officer, a chef, and a **pirate** (who was really an actor!) He learned how those community helpers helped people, and found out that even though he could not do their jobs, he had talents of his own that could help people.

## WRITE

I demonstrated a quick and easy, end-of -winter picture—a Cardinal made from a cut-out red handprint, in a snowstorm that the children paint with Q-tips instead of paintbrushes.

## Super Easy Flowers for Spring!



Use pastel cupcake holders. Let the children color the centers or add designs, then let them cut the sides to make petals; **good scissors practice!**

**Develop fine motor skills with bubblewrap!** Color the bubbles or write the ABC's on them with a permanent marker. Ask the children to pop—all the bubbles of one color, all the bubbles with the same letter, all the letters in their name, all the upper case letters, all the lower case letters...



**For St. Patrick's Day :** Cut a green pepper in half to make a great shamrock stamp!



## Get Healthy With Rover!

In addition to promoting literacy skills, the Be **READY** Rover program has added a **Health Literacy** component. Until April, storytime will include health topics ; **February's** topic was **Healthcare Workers** . **March's** topic is **Body Safety**. For **up-to-date , reliable information** on **all health matters**, go to **MedlinePlus.gov**; you can even find great recipes there!