



# The Be **READY** Rover Review

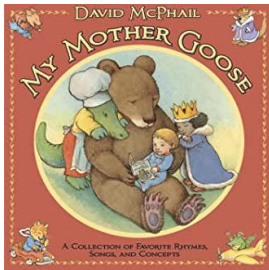
March, 2022 - Storytime

## 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 also beginning to do **IN-PERSON storytimes!!!** First, we will be presenting storytimes **out-doors**. Please let us know if you are interested!!!

## READ



**My Mother Goose** by David McPhail

Nursery rhymes are amazingly helpful in getting children ready to read. The rhymes help children detect phonetic segments of words, develop speech, vocabulary, and memorization skills, and teach that stories have a beginning, middle, and end. And they're **FUN!**

## TALK SING

What do you do to keep your body safe? What do you do when you get hurt?

I demonstrated nursery rhymes that had been made into action songs: **1,2, Buckle My Shoe**, and **The Grand Old Duke of York**. I also performed **Once a Little Apple Seed**, after showing how small a real apple seed is.

## PLAY

While Bookworm the puppet read nursery rhymes, different puppets- a pirate, Dr. Rivera, and a firefighter- popped in to point out when the characters in the rhymes were not acting safely, and gave advice on how children can stay safe.

I presented some nursery rhymes with flannel board and magnetic board characters; adding those visuals helps children focus their attention and increase their comprehension. Children can also participate in the telling of the nursery rhymes by moving the characters as you read the rhymes.

## WRITE

With Spring on our doorstep, I showed how the children can make a bird nest from a cardboard bowl, paper bag strips, and Easter grass, and a baby bird puppet using gloves, feathers, and construction paper for the eyes and beak.

## EASY Spring Crafts



Make with a cupcake holder, seeds, a straw, construction paper, and yarn.



Let the children draw Humpty Dumpty's face on an oval, then cut it into several pieces to make a puzzle, and let them put him back together with band-aids, regular or multi-colored.



Make rabbit faces from colored card stock, then paint or color clothespins with sharpies to match each face. Great for developing fine motor skills.



**Paint with a fork!** Try painting with other items: other kitchen utensils, a cotton ball gripped by a clothespin, Q-tips, toothbrushes, scrub brushes...

## 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 ; **March's** topic was **Body Safety** . **April's** topic is **Allergies**. For **up-to-date** , **reliable information** on **all health matters**, go to **Med-**

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