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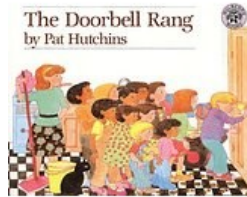
# The Be **READY** Rover Review

December's Storytime Theme: **Family and Friends**

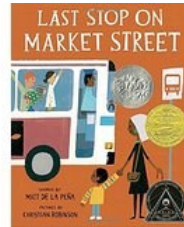
## READ



*Grandmother and I*  
by Helen E. Buckley



*The Doorbell Rang*  
by Pat Hutchins



*Last Stop on Market Street*  
by Matt De La Pena

We 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 our lesson plans: **TALK, SING, READ, WRITE, PLAY.**

## TALK

This time of year has many holidays that celebrate family and sharing and caring. Do you celebrate one of them? How?

## SING

Songs: We used jingle shakers, maracas, and a tambourine for: “**Jingle Bells**”, “**Pizza Pizza Hot**”, “**Twinkle Twinkle Little Star**”, “**We shake and we shake and we shake and we STOP!**” (This teaches listening and self-control). Fingerplay: “**Where is Thumbkin?**” (repeating with all the fingers—the “whole family”). Action Rhyme: “**Stand Up Tall**”

## PLAY

While reading “**The Doorbell Rang**”, we moved magnetic characters around on the board and counted and divided up the cookies as more friends arrived in the story.

We had 2 puppet visitors; Eli Eagle and Elmer Elephant, who told us about the 2 sounds of the Letter E.

## WRITE

On the **Take Home Card**, children can color the “Alphabet Gifts”, and then draw a line connecting the letters in the correct order.

### MORE IDEAS for Family and Friends:

**MAKE:** “Tis the Season”... Children love to help decorate: Paper chains are great for cutting practice. Pine cones coated with glue and rolled in glitter make beautiful little trees. Pine cones can also be spread with peanut butter, then rolled in seeds and placed outside on trees for the birds and squirrels.

**MUSIC:** Let children shake along with holiday songs. Following a beat helps them hear syllables, which will help them learn to read. Fill plastic Easter eggs with uncooked rice, pop corn, or lentils, then glue them closed with hot glue. Hot glue a plastic spoon to either side to make a handle.



## SUPER EASY CRAFTS



Candles are great decorations for Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanza. These they can “light”! Use toilet paper tubes, and let children paint the tubes, or paper that you cut and glue to the tubes. Use gold paper or tissue paper attached to a popsicle stick for the flame. Crumble up some paper inside the tube to hold the flame in place.



Use a paper muffin cup, and a small paper plate. Children can cut out the candle pieces, and paint the candle holder.

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