



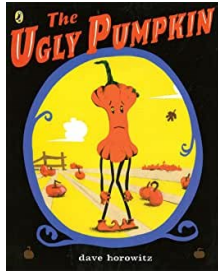
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The Be **REAdy** Rover Review

November, 2021 - Storytime

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

READ



The Ugly Pumpkin by Dave Horowitz

Instead of reading this book, I recited the text while acting out the story with rod and string puppets. Any way you can make a story more visual—with puppets, toys, or felt cut-outs on a flannel board—will help the children with story comprehension.

TALK

Ask the children: “How do you think the Ugly Pumpkin felt at the beginning of the story?” “Why didn’t any of the people pick the Ugly Pumpkin?” “How did the Ugly Pumpkin feel at the end of the story?” “Why did he feel better?”

SING

I demonstrated *We’re Going on a Lion Hunt* (another version of *We’re Going on a Bear Hunt!*), which asks the children to pretend we are making our way through an African savannah to catch a lion. These kind of pretend trips help children use their imaginations, and have fun exercising!

PLAY

Besides retelling “The Ugly Pumpkin” with puppets, I also used the puppets to demonstrate fun ways to exercise indoors, by playing games such as “Simon Says”, “Freeze Dance”, and “Obstacle Course”.

WRITE

I demonstrated how to make a **Turkey Hat**, using a brown paper bag and construction paper. Depending on the children’s developmental level, they could practice cutting and gluing the feathers onto the headband, or use white paper and decorate the feathers with crayons, markers or paint to develop their fine motor skills.

Here are some other fun holiday hats :



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 (This month the focus is **Physical Activity**). For the latest information on all health matters, go to **MedlinePlus.gov**; you can even find **GREAT** recipes there!

EASY CRAFTS



Fold a tree cut-out in half so you can cut out holes with a hole punch. Let the children glue tissue paper squares over the holes on the back. Hang in a window and watch the tree light up!

Make a Baby Penguin Puppet!

Cut 2 paper plates into a cracked egg shape. Staple or tape together so there is a pouch inside.



Cut out the center of a paper plate and round the top for the penguin’s head. Tape a straight straw to the



Back. Tear pieces of black paper and let the children glue them to the penguin shape to cover it (or use markers).

Cut a white heart shape and an oval. Glue to body to make the face and stomach. Cut a small orange triangle for the beak, and 2 small circles for the eyes. Let the children color in the pupils. Insert straw into egg so it pokes through the bottom



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