

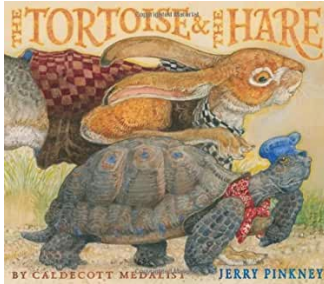
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# The Be **READY** Rover Review

October, 2021 - Storytime

“It’s Great To Be Back!”

## READ



**The Tortoise and the Hare** by Jerry Pinkney

With books like this one, with very few words, you can ask the **children** to tell the story, by looking at the pictures. I emphasized the words that were there by underlining them with my finger.

Mary Benson is filling in for a few months until a new, full-time Early Literacy Outreach Specialist is hired after the new year. The Rover is still on hiatus, and In-person story times are still on hold, but links to Miss Mary’s videos will be sent out each month, and books are being delivered once a month, too. If you are not yet on the list for book deliveries, please call Mary at **717-207-0500, ext. 1201**

## TALK

Ask the children: “Who did you think would win the race? Who did you **want** to win the race? Why did the hare lose the race?”

## SING

I demonstrated a new song - “**The Skeeter Song**”, which uses the tune of “**The Animal Boogie**” to show kids a fun way to ward off mosquitoes while getting exercise!

I brought back an action song from past storytimes - “**Leaves are Falling**”, to the tune of “**Are You Sleeping?**”, where the children move activity scarves like falling leaves.

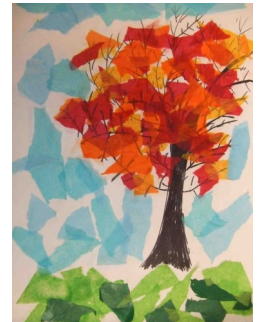
## PLAY

I retold “**The Tortoise and the Hare**” in a puppet show, and added a **healthy-eating** theme to the traditional fable. Acting out stories—with puppets, toys, or friends -after they’ve listened to them is a great way to build comprehension, learn story structure, and use the imagination.

## WRITE

I demonstrated **3 Leaf Crafts**; I showed how to make rubbings of leaves with crayons (with paper coverings removed), then children can either paint the leaf shape, or cover the entire page with paint, or just make rubbings of several leaves on 1 paper with different colored crayons.

## More Leaf Fun!



Use a marker to draw a tree trunk with bare branches, then let the children glue on tissue paper squares to make the leaves. You could even use a real tree branch (glue it with tacky glue onto poster board).



## 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 Good Nutrition). For the latest information on all health matters, go to **MedlinePlus.gov**; you can even find **great recipes** there!

Let the children glue some leaves to a paper and ask what animal (s) they’d like to make with them. Help them add features to make the animals they have imagined.

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