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Frozen Preschool Science and Math Fun at Home and at the Library



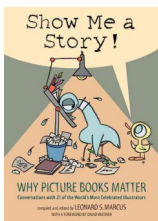
One of my favorite things to hear from parents during our monthly Preschool Science and Math program is, "We are going to try this at home!" Creating opportunities for parents and their preschool-aged children explore science together is a big part of our mission in the promotion of early literacy ? and why we devote time and resources to preschool science and math. Research tells us that the more children know about the world, and the more opportunities they have to talk with adults about what they know, the more likely they will become successful readers. While talking about science and math may sound daunting, in a preschool context it has to be playful, hands-on, and fun! Below are a few things we did earlier in the month exploring winter topics. Try them at home and see if you had as much fun as we did at the library. Read more

Posted by Christina J. on December 26, 2013

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Show Me a Story! (Why Picture Books Matter)



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?Before they read words, children are reading pictures. In picture books, the illustrations work in concert with the text in a way that is unique among art forms.?

In the forward to *Show Me a Story! Why Picture Books Matter: Conversations with 21 of the World's Most Celebrated Illustrators*, award-winning author and illustrator David Wiesner explains why we celebrate National Picture Book Month in November (actually, MCPL Children's Services Librarians celebrate them year-round! Here's more from Wiesner about why we love picturebooks?): Read more

Posted by Lisa C. on November 25, 2013

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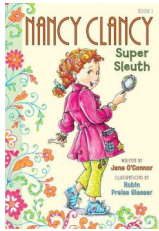
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Big Library Read features Nancy Clancy eBook



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It's always hard to say goodbye at a story's end to characters you've grown fond of and enjoyed spending time with. That's one of the great joys of series books and why they appeal to readers of all ages: you don't have to say goodbye; you can look forward to meeting up with familiar characters in the next book.

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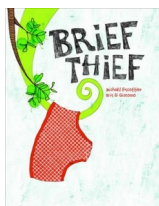
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Learning Right From Wrong with the Brief Thief



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We often get requests for books that help teach children about proper rules of behavior ? everything from sharing to telling the truth. While we frequently turn to our nonfiction collection for titles designed to teach children about specific subjects or topics, often picture books more powerfully portray the importance of doing the right thing.

The use of humor is one reason the messages in picture books can have a greater impact with children. And you can't get much funnier with preschoolers (or even the K-2 crowd) than the word underpants ? not to mention the word poo. (Please, don't mention it!) The picturebook *Brief Thief* by Michael Escoffier uses both words in a span of a few pages while reminding readers that it's not right to take things that don't belong to you.

You see, poor Leon the Lizard finds himself without a necessary item after relieving himself. He notices an old pair of underpants hanging from a nearby tree branch and uses them to ?finish his business.? As he discards the underpants behind a bush, a voice calls to him. It claims to be Leon's conscience: ?The little voice you hear inside your head whenever you get up to something naughty.? The voice continues: ?? Since when are we allowed to touch other people's things? What do they teach you in school, anyway?? Leon never learns the real identity of his conscience, but readers will be amused to learn that the voice belongs to a rabbit who had been using the underpants to complete his superhero costume. We don't learn his superhero name, but I'm guessing that it's Superego.

Recommended for ages 3-8.

Posted by Lisa C. on August 3, 2013

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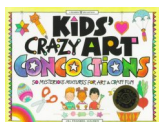
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Crafting Summer Fun!



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Summertime is a wonderful opportunity for children and parents to build special memories and discover hours of simple fun. Kids can create a masterpiece painting with milk-based paint or use a mixture of shaving cream and glue to make a puff paint mural. (Recipe below) Write secret codes to one another with invisible ink and then hide them around the house or in the

yard. Combine imagination, pasta plus glue and you can design a "Pasta Creation" with different shapes of pasta, or go for a nature walk and build a picture from whatever treasures you collect. Abundant ideas can be found in the many books we have here at *The Monroe County Public Library Children's Department*. A few titles you might consider are:

Glues, Brews, and Goos

Vols. 1 & 2

By Diana F. Mark

Making Art with Sand and Earth

By Gillian Chapman and Pam Robson

Kids' Crazy Art Concoctions

By Jill Frankel Hauser

Here's a simple recipe for Puffy Paint!

Mix equal parts white glue and foamy shaving cream - color with some food coloring. Paint an original work of art and then let it dry - paint will puff up!

***Remember!**

Crafty Creations

Our Tuesday morning art program begins again June 25th at 10:45 am!

Posted by jlambert on June 7, 2013

Kids' crazy concoctions : 50 mysterious mixtures for art & craft fun

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