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We are shaking things up a bit with our Summer Reading Program 2021!

In this week's Storytime Packet, our theme is the Wetlands! Travel with us and discover some suggested reads, rhymes, fingerplays, and crafts centered around life in the wetlands.

All suggested reads can be found in the Brevard County Public Library System and are available to be checked out.

This packet consists of two fully developed storytimes: Babies & Toddlers, and Preschool. Each storytime can be used for all ages though and are for early literacy enrichment and education at home.

Why storytime?

- Literacy development starts early in life and is highly correlated with school achievement.
- Reading and storytelling with your child promotes brain development and imagination, teaches your child about language and emotions, and strengthens your relationship.
- You don't always need to read books! Try looking at picture books, singing rhymes and songs, or telling stories from your culture.



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Wetlands Storytime

Babies & Toddlers

Suggested Books:

- "Babies in the Bayou" by Jim Arnosky
- "Wings" by Katrine Crow
- "Curious Critters. Florida" by David Fitzsimmons
- "Swim, Duck, Swim!" by Susan Lurie
- "Being Frog" by April Sayre

Active Rhymes: Assist baby with the actions either while standing or as a lapsit

"Can You Hop Like A Rabbit?"

Can you hop like a rabbit?

(Put hands next to ears and hop/bounce)

Can you jump like a frog?

(Crouch/hunch and jump or bounce)

Can you fly like a bird?

(Flap arms up and down)

Can you walk like a duck?

(Put hands on hips and waddle back & forth)

Can you swim like a fish?

(Rotate arms in wide swimming circles)

And be still – As still as this? (Fold hands in & stay still.)

"Frogs Jump"

Frogs Jump. Caterpillars hump. (mime actions)

Worms wiggle. Bugs jiggle.

Rabbits hop. Horses clop.

Snakes slide. Sea-gulls glide.

Mice creep. Deer leap.

Puppies bounce. Kitties pounce.

Lions Stalk. But I walk!

Song: *“Over in the Meadow”* (Fun for older kids too!)

Over in the meadow, in the sand, in the sun, lived an old mother toad, and her little toad one.

“Wink!” said the mother, “I wink,” said the one: so they winked and they blinked in the sand, in the sun.

Over in the meadow, where the stream runs blue, lived an old mother fish, and her little fish two.

“Swim!” said the mother, “We swim,” said the two, so they swam and they leaped where the stream runs blue.

Over in the meadow, In a hole in the tree, lived an old mother bluebird, and her little birdies three.

“Sing!” said the mother, “We sing,” said the three, so they sang and were glad in a hole in the tree.

Over in the meadow, in the reeds on the shore, lived an old mother muskrat and her little ratties four.

“Dive!” said the mother, “We dive,” said the four, so they dived and burrowed in the reeds by the shore.

Over in the meadow, in a snug beehive, lived a mother honeybee and her little bees five.

“Buzz!” said the mother, “We buzz,” said the five, so they buzzed and they hummed in the snug beehive.

Fingerplay: *There was a Little Turtle* (Fun for older kids too!)

There was a little turtle who lived in a box.

(Place a fist on the flat palm of opposite hand)

He swam in the water and climbed on the rocks.

(Mimic swimming & climbing with a hand & fingers)

He snapped at a mosquito.

(Clap hands to each ‘snap’)

He snapped at a flea.

He snapped at a little fish, and he snapped at me!

He caught the mosquito.

(Cup hands together at each ‘caught’)

He caught the flea.

He caught the little fish, but he did catch me!

(shake index finger ‘no’)

Edible Craft: *Ants on a Log* (from Sweet and Simple Living)

You will need cleaned, cut, serving size celery stalks, peanut butter, raisins. Spread peanut butter on recessed side of celery, place raisins (ants) on top. Enjoy!



Preschool

Suggested Books:

"Manatee Morning" by Jim Arnosky
"Marsh Morning" by Marianne Berkes
"Hello, I'm here!" by Helen Frost
"Jump, Frog, Jump" by Robert Kalan
"Swim, Duck, Swim!" by Susan Lurie
"Being Frog" by April Sayre
"Quiet Night" by Marilyn Singer

Song: "Frog went a Courtin'"

A frog went a-courtin' and he did ride, M-hm, M-hm,
A frog went a-courtin' and he did ride, sword & pistol by his side, M-hm, M-hm.
He rode up to Miss Mousie's door, M-hm, M-hm,
He rode up to Mis Mousie's door, where he'd often been before, M-hm, M-hm.
He said, 'Miss Mouse, are you within?' M-hm, M-hm,
He said, 'Miss Mouse, are you within?' 'Yes, kind sir, I sit & spin.' M-hm, M-hm.
He took Miss Mouse upon his knee, M-hm, M-hm
He took Miss Mouse upon his knee, said 'Miss Mouse, will you marry me?' M-hm, M-hm.
'Without my Uncle Rat's consent, M-hm, M-hm,
Without my Uncle Rat's consent, I wouldn't marry the President'. M-hm, M-hm.
Uncle Rat, he laughed and shook his fat sides, M-hm, M-hm,
Uncle Rat, he laughed and shook his fat sides, to think his niece would be a bride, M-hm, M-hm.
Then Uncle Rat rode off to town, M-hm, M-hm,
Then Uncle Rat rode off to town to buy his niece a wedding gown, M-hm, M-hm.
'Oh, where will the wedding supper be?' M-hm, M-hm,
'Oh, where will the wedding supper be? Way down yonder under the hollow tree.' M-hm, M-hm.
The first to come was the little white moth, M-hm, M-hm,
The first to come was the little white moth, she spread out the tablecloth, M-hm, M-hm.
The next to come was Missus Cow, M-hm, M-hm,
The next to come was Missus Cow, tried to dance but didn't know how, M-hm, M-hm.
They all gathered round the lucky pair, M-hm, M-hm,
They all gathered round the lucky pair, singing, dancing everywhere, M-hm, M-hm.
Then Frog and Mouse went off to France, M-hm, M-hm,
Then Frog and Mouse went off to France, that's end my romance, M-hm, M-hm.

Turtle Craft:

You will need: paper plate, paper, glue, scissors, and crayons.

How-To:

1. Cut one head, four feet, and one tail shaped like the image below.
2. Arrange turtle body parts around the bottom side of the plate where desired. Glue the parts to the bottom or underside of the paper plate.
3. Color turtle paper plate 'shell' as desired, color in turtle eyes, mouth, etc. as desired. Decorate with paint, cut paper pieces, googly eyes, etc. with available craft supplies.
4. Have fun with turtle!

