

Wee R Kids Provider News



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Upcoming

Statutory Holidays

No Stat in June

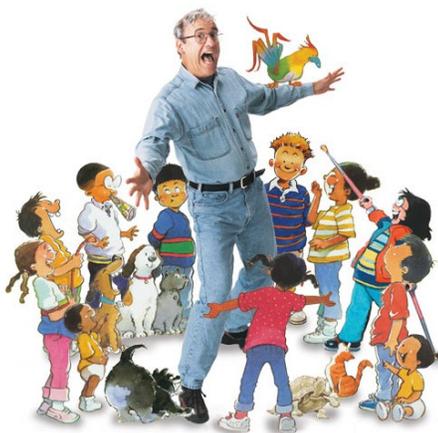
Providers receive this day off and the office will be closed on this day.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday ~ Friday
8:00am ~ 4:30pm

Reminder:

Most Fridays there is only one staff member in the office. Please call ahead if you need to see us.



STORY TIME With MUNSCH

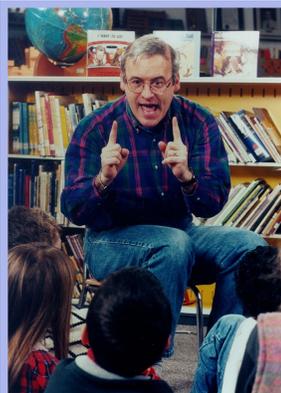
Dear Providers:

This month's newsletter is all about one of my favourite topics... storytelling. I have chosen to show case one of my favourite authors and storytellers, Robert Munsch. Robert started as a preschool teacher teaching children through the stories he told, now he is a best selling children's book author.

I want to encourage you to read to the children! Develop your planning from the books that you are reading and the children are enjoying. So much can be done around a story book!

Set up your reading centre to be inviting and remember that a house with books is a house that encourages literacy! Have a great June!

Angel



"IN A BUSY WORLD, KIDS' LITERACY IS UNDER SIEGE. IT TAKES TIME TO READ WITH A KID. A GOOD ADULT CAN DECODE A STORY IN A WAY THAT KEEPS THE KID HAPPY."

~ ROBERT MUNSCH



Cooking

Hot Dog Campfire

What you need:

Wieners
Buns
Condiments
Fake Fire
Sticks
Camping chairs



Pre-cook the wieners. Have a fake campsite set up in the living room. Bring the wieners out on sticks and have the children pretend to cook the hot dogs on the fire, help them put them into the buns and dress the hot dog.

You can make the fire with coloured tissue paper and use a fan to make the flames dance.

It is also a great idea to invite dads and grandpas.

Daddy Potluck

Ask the dads to send their favourite snack with their children that day. You can have a daddy pot luck and share all of the dad's favourite foods.

It is neat to have the children explain why this is their dad's favourite food. (Make sure to remind dads about any allergies you may have in the day home.)



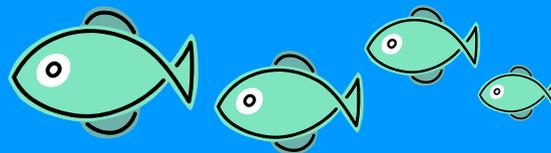
Arts and Crafts

Glad I Caught You!

What you need:

Fish shapes cut out of foam
Tissue paper cut into squares
Glue
Felt Pens
Photo of Child

Allow the children to pick a fish and to decorate it by gluing tissue paper onto it. Help the children to write a message to their dads on the fish and then they can glue the photo of themselves into the fishes mouth. You can title the craft "Glad I Caught You!"



Activity

A Day in the Life of Dad

What you need:

Men's Clothing
Uniforms
Tools

Ask your parents if they have some old ties, shirts etc that they could lend or give to the day home. Set up a dress up centre for the children to dress up like daddy. Does daddy wear a shirt and tie to work or does he wear a uniform? Does he use a computer or tools? It is great to have props like an old laptop etc that the children can use.

This is a great way to see their imagination grow!

Cooking Activities

A Cupcake Fit For A Princess

You will need:

Cake Mix

Icing

Paper Shaped as a Crown

Cut out the shape of a crone in a strip of paper that will wrap around a cupcake. Write either "Princess and Prince," or each child's name on the paper. You can serve this after lunch or at snack. Fun with tea!



I am Elizabeth

You will need:

Paper Grocery Bag

Card Board

After reading "The Paper Bag Princess," give the children each a paper grocery



bag, one that is large enough for them to wear. Help each child cut out arm holes and a hole for their head.

If you do not have paper bags, find a

large roll of paper cut the hole for the head in the fold and tape the sides so it looks like a bag.

You can use cardboard to make a crown. Now the children can decorate as they would like. Princesses need to be in style, even in paper!

Ribbon Dress

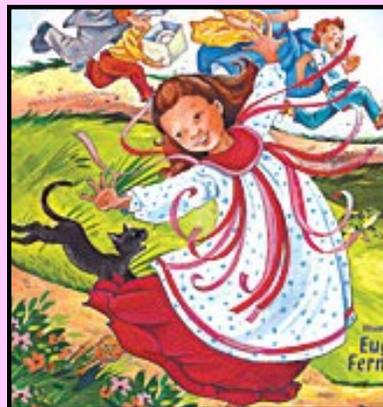
You will need:

Fabric

Ribbon

Scissors

Glue



Pre-cut the fabric into the shape of a dress. If you have boys in your class, make sure there are some shirt

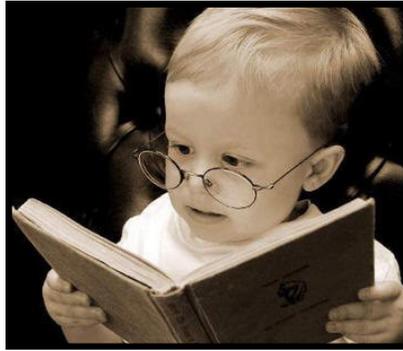
shapes too. Have fabric in other shapes as well. After reading "Ribbon Rescue," allow the children to decorate their dresses the way they would like. Don't forget to make holes in the dress so they can tie ribbons to it. They can glue them as well, but then the cannot take the ribbons off, tying them allows the children to act out the story. You can also have a bunch of dresses with ribbons in your dress up area for them to act the story out.

Songs & Finger Plays

The Way We Read

Move your hands the way that we read
 Left to right then sweep back and down
 Left to right then sweep back and down
 Left to right then sweep back and down
 That's the way that we read

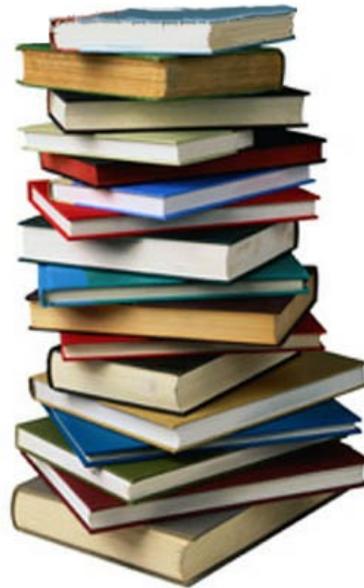
Rhymes and books and magazines
 Move your body the way that we read
 Left to right then sweep back and down
 Left to right then sweep back and down
 Left to right then sweep back and down
 That's the way that we read!



Ready to Read

I feel it in my hands.
 Shake, shake, shake
 I feel it in my hips
 Swing and sway
 I feel it in my heart
 Beat by beat
 I feel it in me
 I'm ready to read

I'm ready to read, in my
 mind
 I'm ready to read, reach up high
 I'm ready to read with my eyes
 I'm ready to read, left to right
 I feel it in my knees
 Tap, tap, tap
 I feel it in
 my shoul-
 ders
 Pat, pat,
 pat
 I feel it in
 my heart
 Beat by
 beat
 I feel it in
 me
 I'm ready
 to read



Gross Motor Activity

Mortimer's Traveling Band

After reading the book, "Mortimer," have every-
 one dress up silly and grab musical instruments.
 If you do not have enough for every child, pots
 and pans with spoons work well.

Stand in a line and march
 around making noise with
 the instruments singing,
 "Clang, clang, rattle-bing-
 bang, gonna make my
 noise all day. Clang,
 clang, rattle-bing-bang,
 gonna make my noise all
 day."



Sensory Activity

Purple, Green & Yellow Fun

What you need:
 Many Colours of Play dough
 Imagination

Make or purchase
 Play dough in many
 different colours. Allow the
 children to mix and match
 the colours, to make
 different shapes with
 different colours and to
 smooch them together.
 This is a great activity to do
 after reading "Purple,
 Green and Yellow!"



Math Activity

Munsch Bingo

Go through all of the books that you have been reading in this theme. Cut out from magazines or photos on the internet pictures of things depicted in the books, such as, a dragon, a princess, a tooth, a plane, a book, a dark glob, a wheel chair, a subway, a bed, etc. Make bingo sheets and randomly place the photos on the sheets. Make a copy of each photo for yourself to call bingo with. Give a sheet to each child. Play game.

Bulletin Board Idea

Story Time with Munsch

Bulletin boards are easy and so fun to make. You can do them yourself or have the children assist. They can even help coming up with ideas.

You do not need an actual bulletin board to create these either. All you need is a large piece of paper, a cardboard piece, a piece of plastic, etc.

For this theme you can photocopy and cut out many different book covers by Munsch and paste them up onto your board. If you have a small board, photocopy the mini books. You can place a photo of Munsch standing there and the books can surround him.

Have your children draw their favourite characters and paste them onto the board as well.

Dramatic Play Activity

Our Own Airplane!

Get a large refrigerator box from an appliance store. Cut holes for windows and a door. Put a small chair or two into the box and add a propeller made from cardboard to the front. You can also cut wings out of cardboard and adhere them to the sides of your plane.

You can have the children help you paint the plane. This is a great addition to your reading corner as well as your dramatic play centre.

This plane is a great activity after reading "Angela's Airplane."

Science Activity

Acid Attack



This experiment simulates an acid attack on bones (bones are rich with calcium, just like your teeth).

What you'll need:

- 2 clean chicken bones
- 1 container
- 1 bottle of white vinegar

Pour several inches of vinegar into the container. Soak the clean chicken bones in the vinegar overnight.

Check out the bones after they've soaked in the vinegar overnight. Are they softer or harder? Be sure to throw the bones away in the garbage after you're finished.

This is a great activity after reading "Andrew's Loose Tooth!"



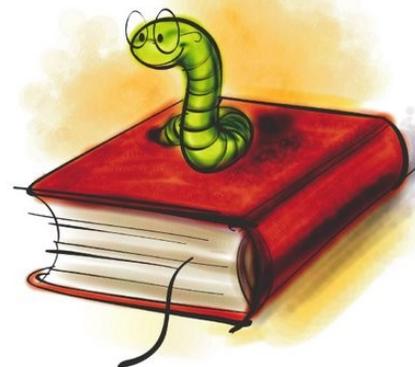


FACTS

- There have been over 20,000 books written about the game of Chess.
- The Bible contains 3,566,480 letters, or 810,697 words.
- Paper was invented in China around 105 A.D., by Ts'ai Lun.
- A new book is published every 13 minutes in America.
- Most children's books were published as serials in magazines during the 1800s.
- It's a fact: The children that read the most, read the best.
- You need to be able to read to do most everything, including math!

1. "Charlotte's Web" by E. B. White
2. "Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak
3. "The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein
4. "Green Eggs and Ham" by Dr. Seuss
5. "Goodnight Moon" by Margaret Wise Brown
6. "I Love You Forever" by Robert N. Munsch
7. "Because of Winn-Dixie" by Kate DiCamillo
8. "Oh! The Places You Will Go" by Dr. Seuss
9. "The Little House" by Virginia Lee Burton
10. "The Polar Express" by Chris Van Allsburg

BOOKS



"Choose an author as you would a friend"
~Wentworth Dillon

FUNNIES!

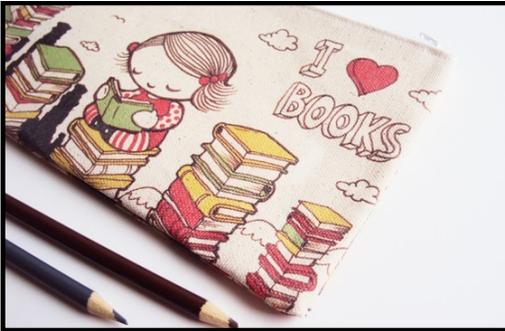


HA! HA!
HA!

Joke Corner...

Q: Why does an elephant use his trunk as a bookmark?

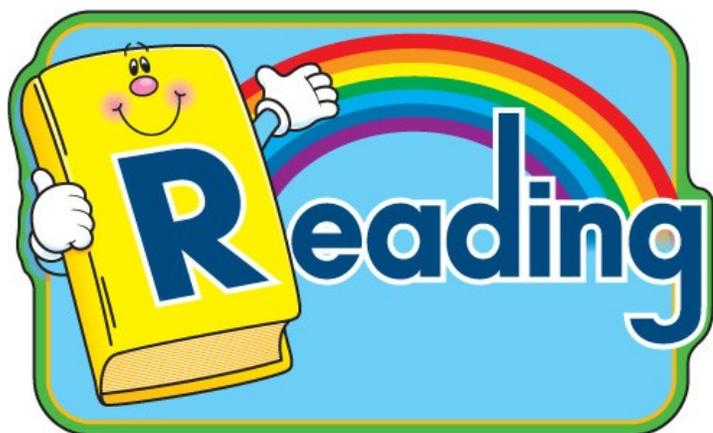
A: That way he "NOSE" where he stopped reading!



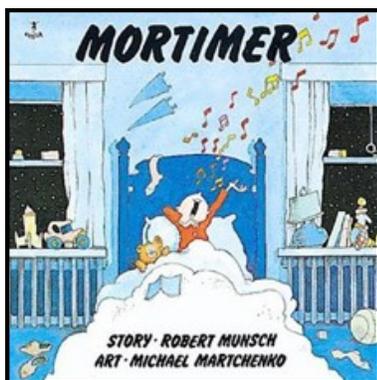
For the Love of Books!

- **Expand children's oral language.** Depending on their skill level, children can read a story or have a story read to them, or even take turns reading and listening. When the story is finished, invite your child to identify favorite parts of the story. Reading stories together enables the child to have fun picking out words and deciding when to move to the next page.
- **Read several stories every day to children.** The more children are exposed to stories and other literary works, the more likely that reading will become part of their daily lives. Each story introduces new concepts, phonemic awareness and much more.
- **Teach children rhymes and songs.** Growing up, we were all exposed to rhymes, jingles and songs. Many of them might resonate in our minds even today. Rhymes and songs are creative ways to encourage memorization, rhyming and melody with children. This is also a great way to introduce poetry and other creative writing styles. Hand gestures or dance moves to enrich the overall experience.
- **Point at the words occasionally when you read with children.** Pointing to words helps children understand that written words on a page stand for meanings they already know. It also shows that 1) written words are associated with sounds and 2) a word is a unit of print.
- **Provide children a special area where they can experiment with print and books.** Choose a place in the house designated especially for reading. Purchase a beanbag or a colorful chair to make the area inviting and fun. Books can be stored on a special bookshelf nearby. A unique environment might help parents with reluctant readers.
- **Be a literacy advocate by modeling reading and writing every day.** Children learn by example in every realm of their life. If parents incorporate reading into their own lives, there will be a good chance their children will as well.





Corner



Mortimer

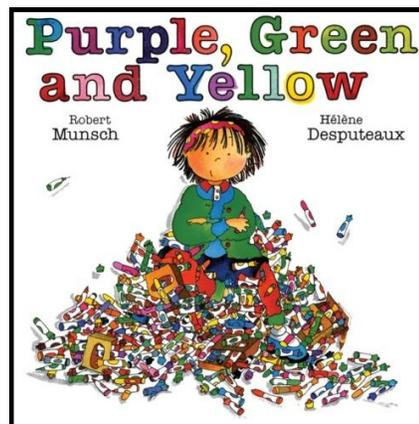
By Robert Munsch

Mortimer's parents want him to go to sleep, his whole family wants him to go to sleep, even the police want him to go to sleep, but Mortimer just wants to make noise!

Purple, Green and Yellow

By Robert Munsch

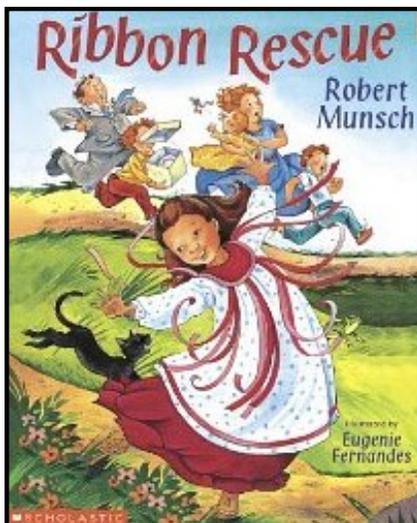
Brigid loves to colour with markers, she even likes to colour herself. However when she uses some markers that never come off even the doctor cannot help her! What will she do?



Ribbon Rescue

By Robert Munsch

Everyone is late for the wedding and nothing is going right, but thanks to Jillian's new dress and her willingness to help, she and her dress save the day!

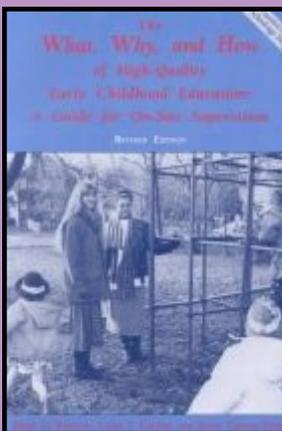


The Reading Corner - Staff Resources

Because Life Goes On

By The Government of Canada

This is a Health Canada publication intended to reach out to Canadian families in need of information and resources to help their children to live through the process of separation and divorce. This booklet is also designed to assist professionals in such fields as social services, health, justice and education, in their work with chil-



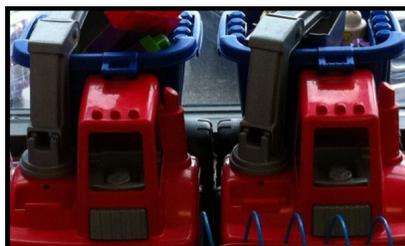
The What, Why and How Of High Quality ECE

By Derry G Koalek, Laura J. Colker & Diane Trister Dodge

An invaluable tool for the director/supervisor striving to identify what aspects of an early childhood program need improvement, this book gives staff feedback that really alters their practice. It is equally useful in helping teachers or caregivers take a thoughtful look at their own practices.

Lending Library

These are a sample of some of the wonderful things we have to borrow in our Lending Library. Check out our **Doll Toys** and our **Trucks and Blocks**. If you are in need of something different, please make sure to check our shelves out next time you visit with us.





June Visits:

This month we will be continuing through FCCERS. Please make sure that you have walked through the sheets I have given you for June. Make sure to write your score and your goals down for when I visit.

Please make sure also to have all of your monthly sheets filled out and hung up as well. Thank you so much, I look forward to seeing everyone this month.

Angel

Reminders:

Please remember to complete one observation on each child per week. Please also remember that observations are only what you hear and see.

Please also remember to keep on file one craft per month, or a picture of the artwork. These are important for accreditation as well as for you to keep an eye on the development of each child, which of course is vital for teaching.

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Gracias

Thank You

Provider Appreciation

The provider we would like to honour this month is Aurora Barnes. Aurora has been a provider with Wee R Kids since May 2006.

Aurora has fun activities, crafts and outings in her day home. She is always giving the children hugs and telling them that she loves them which you can tell the children enjoy.

Aurora's whole family is involved in her day home. She uses every inch of her home for play and is always interactive with the children.

Thank you Aurora for all that you do! Give Aurora a call this month to let her know you appreciate her!

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Thank You



Congratulations to:

Lindsey G, Amanda &

Bradley for

completing Level 1 in ECE!

We are so proud of you!