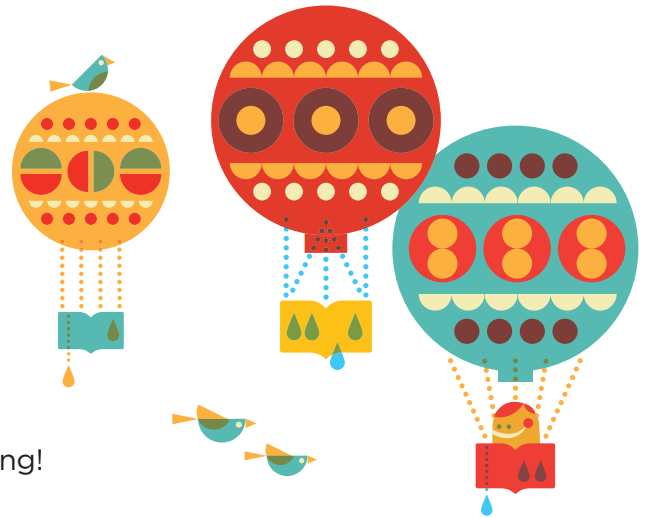


Spring Ahead with Reading Fun

As winter begins to fade away and we say hello to spring, jump right into these activities and see what fun they'll bring!



BOOKS FOR BREAKFAST?

Make reading a part of your weekend breakfast routine. While you wait for the toast to pop or the pancakes to flip, read a couple of pages from your favorite book. Read the comics together. Talk with your family about what you are reading for fun.

I SPY SPRING!

Pick a time to take a nature walk with your family or friends. Can each of you find something for each letter in the word SPRING?

Example: S - slippery sidewalk
P - puddle
R - raindrops
I - inchworm
N - nest
G - green grass

THAT BOOK WAS FRAMED!

Materials: Picture frames, paper, markers

Challenge a family member to a book frame-off. Every time you read a book, get out your markers and paper. Then write down the title, draw a picture about the book and place it in a picture frame. Who will fill up their frame first?

1, 2 BUCKLE MY SHOE...

Rhymes are fun. They are even more fun when you jump rope to them. What is your favorite jump rope rhyme? Think of a new rhyme to use for jumping rope. Write it down, grab your jump rope, go outside and try it out. Was it easy to jump rope to? What did you find out about the rhythm of the poem?

BUGGY BANTER

Get a jar and poke some holes in the top. On a nature walk, find at least 2 bugs to collect in the jar. Once you have your bugs, bring them back home and watch how they interact. What do you think they are saying to each other? Create a cartoon with the bugs talking to each other. Once done, release them outside.

STATIONERY CREATIONS

There is nothing like getting a beautiful card or letter in the mail. Grab a piece of paper and some crayons. Fold your paper in half. Go outside and use your crayon to make a leaf or bark rubbing on the outside of the paper. Once done, on the inside, write a note to someone you miss.

BOOK CLUB

Start a book club with some friends. Decide on a place where you could meet to read for half an hour to an hour once a week. If it is nice outside, you might pick a park or playground. If it is rainy or cold, meet at someone's house, the library, or community center.

GARDEN FRESH GROCERIES?

As spring begins, there's a lot of talk about plants and gardens. On your next trip to the grocery store, check out some food labels. How many items can you find that are from a garden or farm? How many items on the food label do you recognize? Do you notice any words or ingredients that are common on the food labels?

SPRING SALAD

A great way to keep your literacy and math skills sharp is to read recipes. Find a spring salad recipe that you think you and your family would enjoy. Read the recipe and gather the ingredients. Be sure to measure each ingredient according to the recipe. Once your salad is complete, share with everybody and enjoy!