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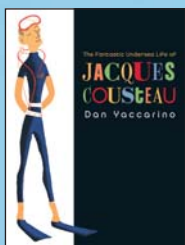
storytime!

Spring 2009

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- **our favorite** colors
- **brothers & sisters**
- **b.f.f.** (books & friends forever!)





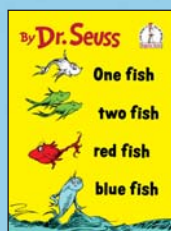
The Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau

Dan Yaccarino

Meet the man behind the snorkel.

Ages 6–9

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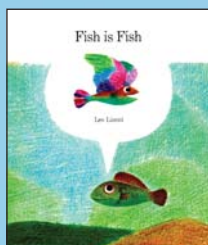
One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish

Dr. Seuss

A Dr. Seuss classic in rhyme!

Ages 5–8

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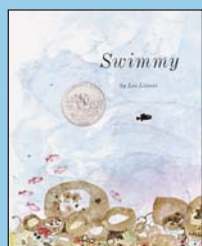
Fish is Fish

Leo Lionni

A modern fable of a minnow who wants to follow his tadpole friend onto land.

Ages 6–8

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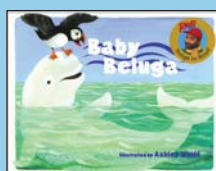
Swimmy

Leo Lionni

Swimmy, a little black fish, is the only survivor when a tuna swallows his school of red fish.

Ages 4–8

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Baby Beluga

Raffi • Illustrated by Ashley Wolff

Sing along to this classic song!

Ages 0–4

Board: 978-0-517-70977-1 • PB: 978-0-517-58362-3

under the sea

What a wet and wonderful world there is in the water! Celebrate life under the sea—and in lakes, rivers, streams, and fish tanks, too!



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ACTIVITIES/CRAFTS



paper bag octopus

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Brown paper lunch bags • newspaper • long paper strips or streamers • googly eyes • tape or glue • crayons, markers, or paint • string

- 1 Decorate a paper lunch bag with an octopus face.
- 2 Stuff the bag with crumpled up newspaper and seal the bottom with string.
- 3 Take eight long paper strips or streamers and, using staples, attach them to the bottom of the bag as feet or tentacles. You can decorate the feet or tentacles of your octopus.



paper plate fish

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Paper plates • crayons, markers, colored pencils • googly eyes • glitter • beads • safety scissors • stapler, glue, or tape

- 1 Take a paper plate and cut out a triangle along the edge to make a fish mouth.
- 2 Take the triangle, and attach the pointy part of the triangle to the side of the paper plate opposite the mouth. This is now the fish tail.
- 3 Decorate the fish with a fishy face and lots of beautiful fishy fins and scales.



under the sea flannel boards

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Piece of flannel or felt • thick cardboard • fabric glue or staple gun • scissors

- 1 Give each storytime listener a pre-cut piece of flannel or felt and a piece of cardboard. The flannel or felt should be large enough to cover one whole side of the cardboard, wrapping around the edges.
- 2 Glue the flannel or felt onto the cardboard, smoothing out all wrinkles and bubbles.
- 3 Use other felt shapes in many colors (you can use the template on the opposite page) to tell a story by placing the shapes on the felt board.



Reproduce the shapes on the opposite page on felt to create fantastic undersea life. Use the enclosed flannel board easel or let listeners color in their own shapes and undersea scenes.

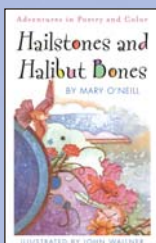


 What does the world under the sea look like to you? Use these underwater animal shapes to decorate your very own fantastic undersea life!

under the sea



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Hailstones and Halibut Bones

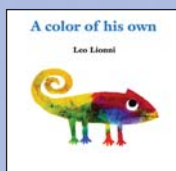
Mary O'Neill • Illustrated by John Wallner

A true adventure in poetry and color.

Ages 5–8

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A Color of His Own

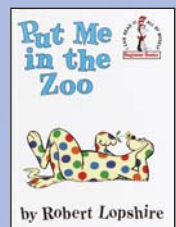
Leo Lionni

In search of his own color, a chameleon finds something even more special—a true friend.

Ages 2–6

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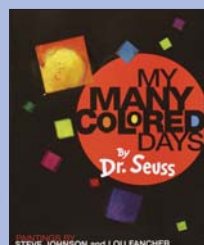
Put Me in the Zoo

Robert Lopshire

A polka-dot leopard tries to convince two children that he is special enough to be exhibited in the zoo.

Ages 5–8

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My Many Colored Days

Dr. Seuss

Illustrated by Steven Johnson and Lou Fancher

This original Dr. Seuss text about feelings and moods is accompanied by atmospheric and expressive paintings.

Ages 0–4

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The Red Lemon

Bob Staake

A thought-provoking tale in rhyme about how being different can be wonderful.

Ages 4–8

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our favorite colors

What's your favorite color? Red? Yellow? Green? Blue?
Which color of the rainbow is your favorite?



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ACTIVITIES/CRAFTS

✂ mosaic light catchers

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Popsicle sticks : wood glue : glue stick : multicolored tissue paper : safety scissors

- 1 Glue together four popsicle sticks to create a frame with the wood glue.
- 2 Tear or cut up different colored sheets of tissue paper into small scraps.
- 3 Using a glue stick, create a mosaic of tissue paper scraps within the popsicle stick frame.
- 4 Hold the light catcher up to the light or the sun and see what color shadows are cast through it.



✂ rainbow necklaces

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Colorful fruity breakfast cereal : yarn or string

- 1 Give each Storytime listener a long piece of string and a plateful of fruity breakfast cereal.
- 2 Show them how to place the breakfast cereal loops on the string like beads. Don't forget to make a knot on one end so the cereal stays on the string!
- 3 When enough cereal has been strung together, help tie the loose ends of the string into a knot to secure the ends.

✂ primary color collages

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

White paper : watercolor paint : water : paint brushes : smocks : newspaper

- 1 Cover the work area with newspaper and give each Storytime listener a smock to protect his or her clothes.
- 2 Help them paint big circles of primary colors (red, yellow, and blue) on the white paper. Each colorful circle should overlap with the other circles.
- 3 Talk about what new colors were made when the circles overlapped with each other.



brothers & sisters

Big brothers. Little sisters. New babies.
And everyone in between—it's family storytime!

ACTIVITIES/CRAFTS

✂ baby puppets

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Brown paper lunch bags : newspaper : tape or glue :
crayons, markers, or paint : string : construction paper

- 1 Decorate a paper lunch bag with a baby face.
- 2 Stuff the bag with crumpled up newspaper and seal the bottom with string.
- 3 Using construction paper, dress your baby puppet in baby clothes. What did you name your baby?



✂ my family picture frames

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Popsicle sticks : wood glue : beads : glitter : stickers

- 1 Glue together four popsicle sticks to create a frame.
- 2 Using beads, glitter, and stickers, decorate the picture frame.
- 3 Use the frame to show off your family photo.

✂ memory handprint

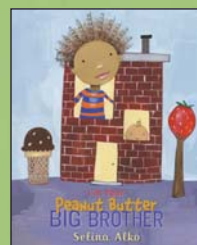
WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Flour : salt : water : food coloring : rolling pins :
newspaper : smocks

- 1 Cover your work area with newspaper and give each child a smock.
- 2 Mix 1 cup of flour and 1 cup of salt with enough water and a few drops of food coloring to get a firm clay-like mixture in the color you desire. Let your listeners get their hands dirty! *Note: This amount should make enough for 2 children. Adjust amounts accordingly for your Storytime group.*
- 3 Help each listener take 1/2 cup of the dough and roll it out into a disc. The disc should be large enough to press the child's hand entirely in the clay. Push the hand firmly into the dough, and let dry for several weeks.
- 4 Watch as your hand grows bigger than your handprint!



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I'm Your Peanut Butter Big Brother
Selina Alko

Who will the new baby look like?

Ages 4-8

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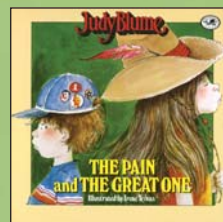


The Berenstain Bears and Baby Makes Five
Stan and Jan Berenstain

Can the Berenstain Bears get ready for a new baby?

Ages 2-6

PB: 978-0-679-88960-1



The Pain and the Great One
Judy Blume • Illustrated by Irene Trivas

A sister and brother are constantly at odds, though readers know they really love each other!

Ages 5-8

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What a Good Big Brother!
Diane Wright Landolf

Illustrated by Steve Johnson & Lou Fancher
Big brother knows best!

Ages 3-6

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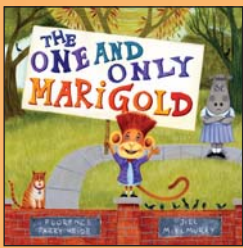


How to Be a Baby . . . by Me, the Big Sister
Sally Lloyd-Jones

Illustrated by Sue Heap
This big sister knows everything, and isn't afraid to share her wisdom!

Ages 4-8

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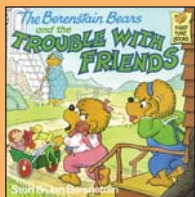


The One and Only Marigold
Florence Parry Heide
Illustrated by Jill McElmurry

There's a new picture book diva in town—
and you'll love her!

Ages 4–8

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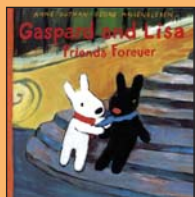
**The Berenstain Bears
and the Trouble with Friends**

Stan and Jan Berenstain

You can't always have your own way
if you want to have friends.

Ages 5–8

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Gaspard and Lisa Friends Forever

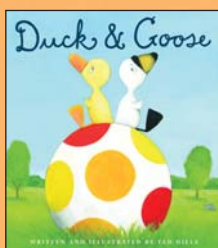
Anne Gutman

Illustrated by Georg Hallensleben

How Gaspard and Lisa met on the first day
of school and became Best Friends Forever.

Ages 4–8

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Duck & Goose

Tad Hills

This feathered odd couple are going to have to
work together in order to become friends.

Ages 3–7

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**And to Think that We Thought
that We'd Never Be Friends**

Mary Ann Hoberman

Illustrated by Kevin Hawkes

Let's get the whole world united in friendship.

Ages 4–8

PB: 978-0-440-41776-7

b.f.f. (books & friends forever)

What's better than Storytime? Sharing Storytime with friends!
New friends, old friends, or any kind of friends!



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ACTIVITIES/CRAFTS

✂ handprint wreaths

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Construction paper : crayons, markers, or colored pencils :
glue : safety scissors

- 1 Help each child trace his or her handprint on construction paper.
- 2 With safety scissors, cut out several copies of the handprint. Have listeners write their names on their handprints. Then put all the handprints in the middle of the circle and let each child choose six different handprints.
- 3 Glue the handprints together to form a wreath. Hang up the wreath to celebrate friendship!



✂ paper plate faces

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Paper plates : crayons, markers, or colored pencils : yarn :
facial part stickers : googly eyes

- 1 Give each child in the Storytime circle a paper plate to create a face. The face can either be themselves or who they think would make a good friend.
- 2 Decorate the plates with either facial part stickers or googly eyes, yarn for hair, crayon noses and mouths.
- 3 Share personal stories about best friends and who the paper plate face represents.



✂ friendship quilts

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Square sheets of paper : crayons, markers, or colored
pencils : glitter : beads : stapler or tape

- 1 Give each child in the Storytime circle a square sheet of paper for a quilt square.
- 2 Decorate the paper with favorite activities to do with friends. Listeners can draw sports, going swimming, going to school, going to the library, etc.
- 3 Gather all the sheets of paper and connect them with staples or tape. Hang the Friendship Quilt up in the library, and add on to it as you think of more fun things to do with friends.



Reproduce the opposite page to have your Storytime listeners show you what two best friends look like.



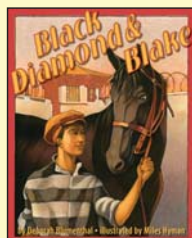
What do best friends look like to you? Draw the two best friends and tell a story about how they met.

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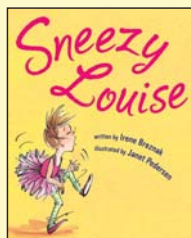


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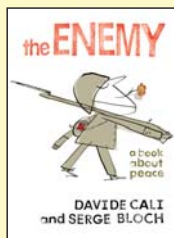


Sneezy Louise

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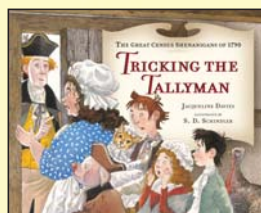
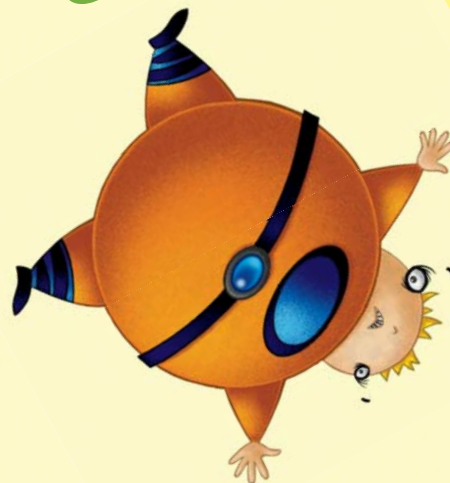


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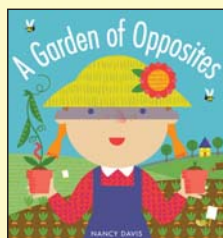


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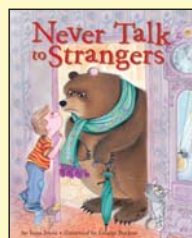
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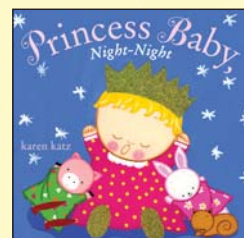


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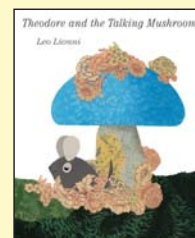


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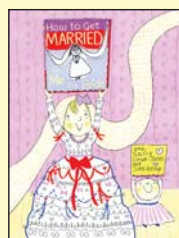


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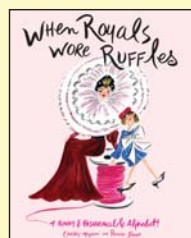


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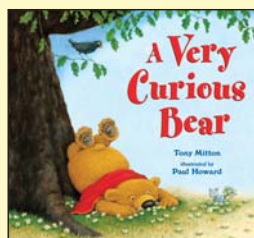


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Ages 5-9

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Ages 3-5

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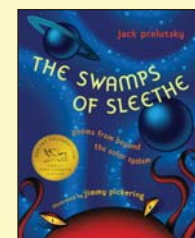


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Ages 4-8

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Ages 8 up

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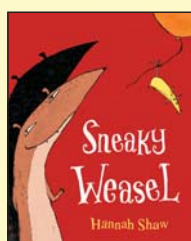


Loose Leashes

Ages 3-8

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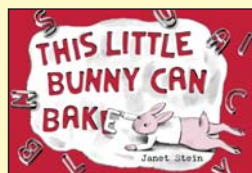


Sneaky Weasel

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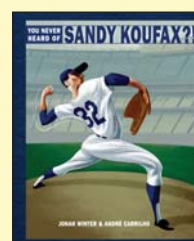


This Little Bunny Can Bake

Ages 4-8

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You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?!

Ages 4-9

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