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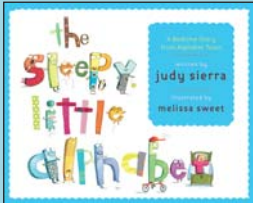
storytime!

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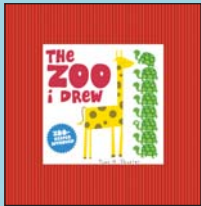
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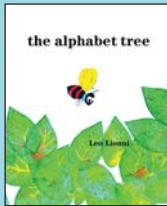
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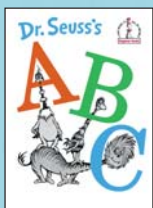
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now i know my ABCs

Can you name all the letters of the alphabet? There's so much fun to have with all the letters, big and small.

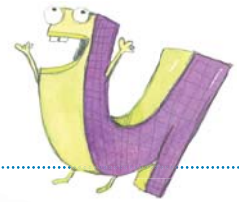


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ACTIVITIES/CRAFTS

✂ alphabet collage

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Old magazines • safety scissors • glue sticks • crayons
construction paper

- 1 Everyone in the Storytime circle should pick their favorite letter of the alphabet.
- 2 Go through old magazines and find that letter or things in the magazine that start with that letter.
- 3 Make a collage by gluing the magazine cutouts onto construction paper.



✂ decorate a letter

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Construction paper • safety scissors • glue • crayons, markers, colored pencils • beads • glitter

- 1 Help each child in the Storytime circle cut out a giant letter of the alphabet. Letter templates can be cut before children arrive.
- 2 Decorate the letter with crayons or beads, or draw on the letter things that start with the letter. For example, draw some bananas on a B.



✂ letter necklaces

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Pipe cleaners • string • beads • safety scissors

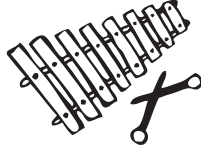
- 1 Give each child in the Storytime circle a pipe cleaner. String beads onto the pipe cleaner.
- 2 Shape the beaded pipe cleaner into a letter of the alphabet, perhaps the letter of the child's first name.
- 3 Cut a length of string and secure it to the beaded letter. Tie the ends of the string together to make a letter necklace.



Reproduce the picture on the opposite page for each child in the Storytime circle.

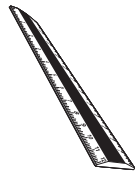


What do you see in the pictures below? Figure out what each picture represents and write the first letter of the name of the object.









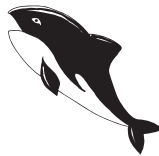
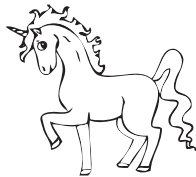
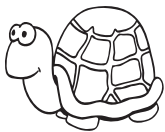
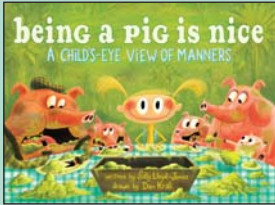


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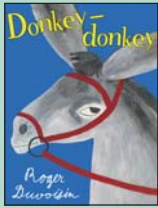
now i know my ABCs



storytellers: Please make copies of this page for your listeners. Help them figure out all the letters of the alphabet.



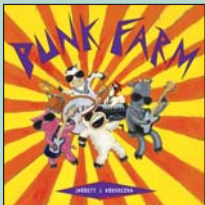
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fun on the farm

Old McDonald had a farm. And, boy, did he have fun there! See how much fun you can have hearing stories about farm animals!



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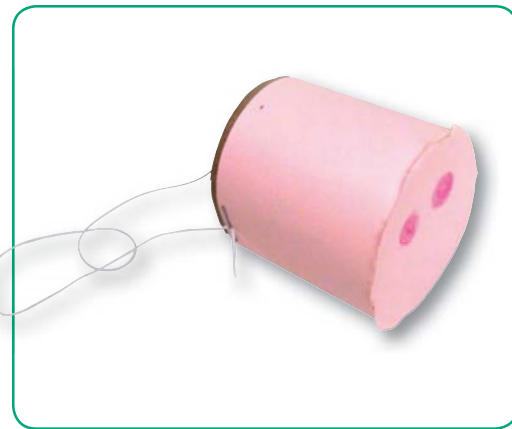
ACTIVITIES/CRAFTS

scary scarecrows

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Construction paper • safety scissors • glue • crayons,
 markers, colored pencils • googly eyes • straw
 popsicle sticks

- 1 Cut out shirt shapes and pants shapes for each Storytime listener. Help them glue the shirt and pants to the popsicle stick. Cut out other shapes from construction for shoes, hands, heads, hats, etc.
- 2 Decorate the scarecrows with crayons to color in the clothes and faces.
- 3 Glue bits of straw to the scarecrows to make them look real!



pig snout noses

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Toilet paper rolls (1/2 per child) • pink construction paper
 tape, scissors, or glue • crayons, markers • elastic string
 stapler

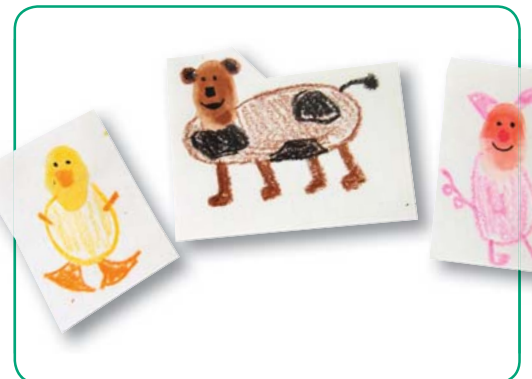
- 1 Cut each toilet paper roll in half. Help Storytime listeners cover the rolls in pink construction paper, covering the round sides and one open side. Secure paper in the middle. Leave the other open side uncovered (this is where the child's nose will go).
- 2 Decorate the flat, covered end with pig nose shapes like nostrils.
- 3 Attach each end of a piece of elastic string to the open end of the tube to form a strap. Put the elastic around the head and your own nose in the open part of the tube. Now you have a pig snout nose!

thumbprint animals

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Finger paint • shallow dishes • construction paper
 crayons, markers, colored pencils • smocks • newspaper

- 1 Cover the work area with newspaper or a tablecloth and protect clothing with smocks. Pour finger paint of different colors into the shallow dishes.
- 2 Help Storytime listeners dip their thumbs into the paint, one color at a time, pressing their thumbprints onto the construction paper. Each color will be a different animal—pink for pigs, black for cows, brown for horses, orange for ducks, etc.
- 3 When the thumbprints dry, use crayons, markers, or colored pencils to decorate the thumbprints with legs, ears, faces, etc.



back to school

New pencils, new notebooks, new teachers, too! Even if it's scary, going back to school is also very exciting! Who's ready to go back to school?



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ACTIVITIES/CRAFTS

backpack packing

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Drawing paper : crayons, markers, colored pencils : old magazines : safety scissors : glue

- 1 Hand each child a sheet of drawing paper.
- 2 Draw what you would pack in your backpack or take for lunch on the first day of school. You can cut out pictures from magazines to paste into your drawing.
- 3 Share your drawing or collage with the Storytime circle and you'll be ready for school!



apple nametags

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Red or green construction paper : crayons, markers, colored pencils : glitter : beads : pom-poms

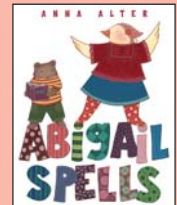
- 1 Cut out big apple templates for each child in the Storytime Circle.
- 2 Help them write their name in the center of the apple.
- 3 Decorate the apple with glitter or beads and be all ready with an apple for the teacher!

wheels on the bus

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Construction paper : crayons, markers, colored pencils
loud singing voices

- 1 Sing "The Wheels on the Bus" song together.
- 2 Make drawings of the bus with all the people from the song sitting on the bus.
- 3 Include the wheels, the driver, the baby, etc.



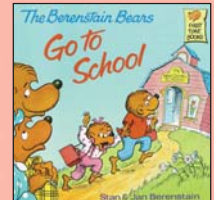
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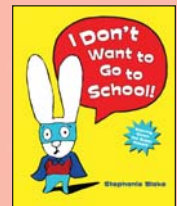
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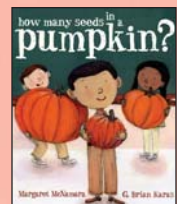
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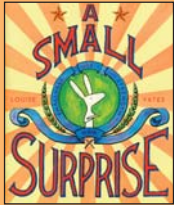
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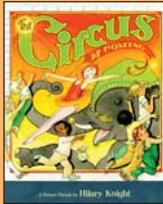
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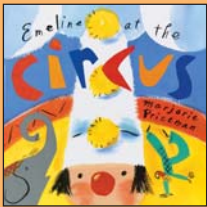
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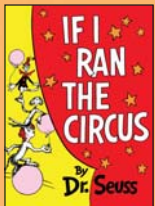
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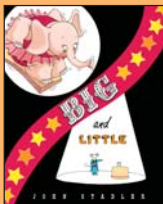
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under the big top

The clowns! The elephants! The trapeze! The lions! The circus is in town!



ACTIVITIES/CRAFTS

paper plate clowns

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Paper plates : googly eyes : crayons, markers, colored pencils : yarn : construction paper : glue : beads, pom-poms, glitter : tape or scissors

- 1 Give each child in the Storytime circle a paper plate for a face and a small pom-pom for the nose. Help them affix the pom-pom to the center of the plate
- 2 Draw a clown face around the nose using lots of bright colors.
- 3 Top the face with funny clown hair.



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cotton candy snacks

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Toilet paper rolls or paper cones : cotton balls or pom-poms : markers : glue

- 1 Glue pom-poms or cotton balls onto toilet paper rolls or paper cones to make cotton candy treats.
- 2 Color the cotton balls for different flavor cotton candy.
- 3 It looks delicious, but don't eat it!

circus train

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Construction paper : crayons, markers, colored pencils tape, glue, or stapler : paper circles for wheels

- 1 Give each child in the Storytime circle a rectangle of construction paper. This is their individual circus train car. Help them affix wheels to the bottom of the train car.
- 2 Inside the train car, draw what will be coming to the circus. It can be an animal act, or a trapeze artist, or the candy or popcorn snacks.
- 3 Affix all the different train cars together to see what will be coming to the circus!



 Reproduce the opposite page to have your Storytime listeners make their own funny clown hats.



What kind of clown would you be if you were in the circus? Decorate the hat below and let your Storyteller help you put your clown hat together so you can wear it.

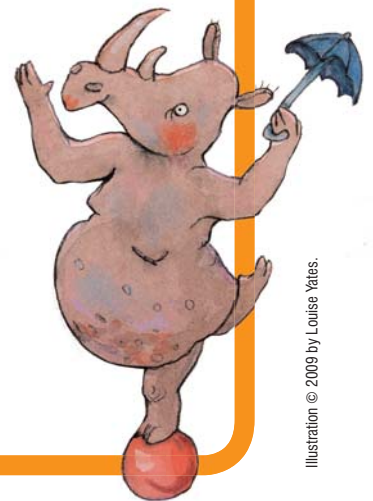
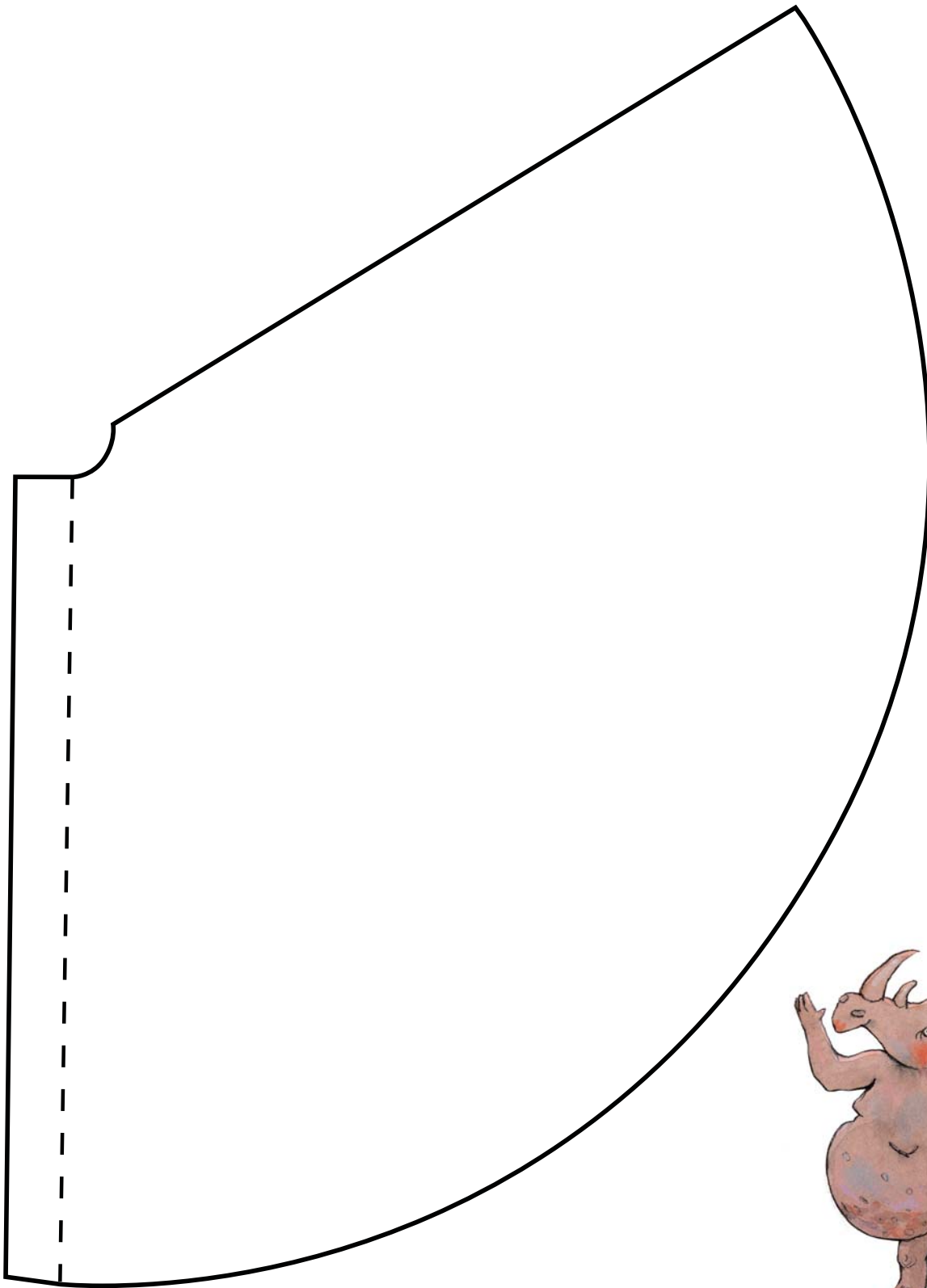
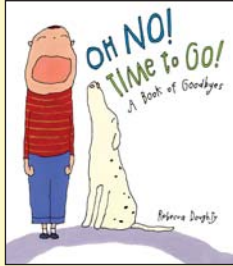


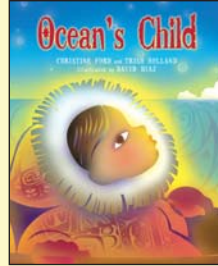
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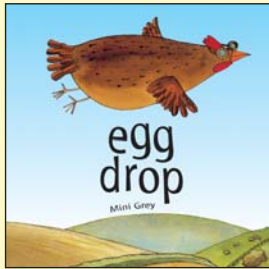
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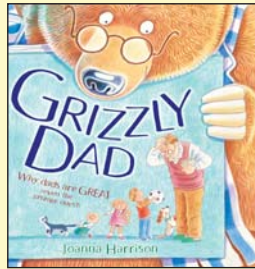
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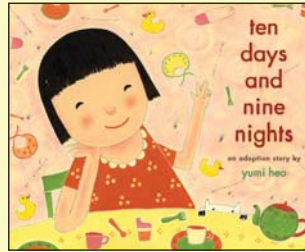
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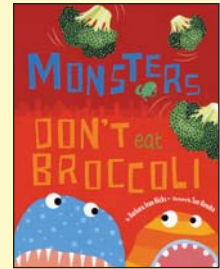
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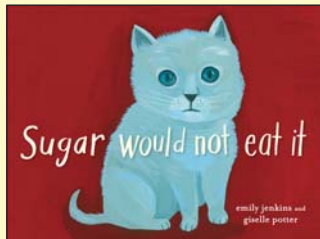
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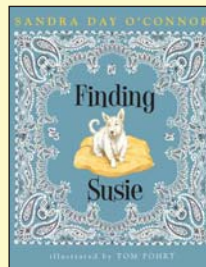
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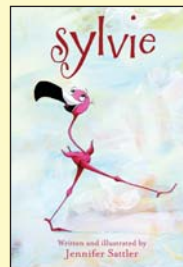
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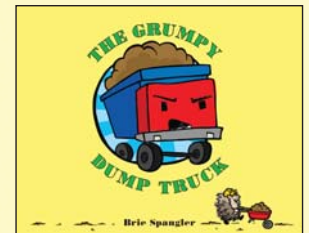
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