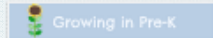


## After the Read Aloud

Activities to Extend the Learning

Ellis Meyer, M.Ed.



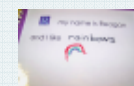
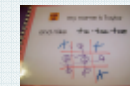
### Literacy Beginnings A PreKindergarten Handbook by Gay Su Pinnell and Irene C. Fountas

- "Children are curious about literacy and will naturally engage with reading and writing in a playful way if it is presented not as hard work but as an interesting part of their physical and social world. Enjoyable real-life experiences with literacy are part of high-quality prekindergarten classrooms."
- "Many years ago, some assumed that prekindergartners were not "ready" for literacy. This "readiness" view assumed that until children were physically and neurologically mature enough, exposure to reading and writing was time wasted and could even be harmful. We now know that exposure to rich literacy experiences throughout early childhood has a tremendous positive effect on young children, and delaying these kind of experiences until children are of school age can severely limit ultimate achievement (NAEYC, 1998)."

## A My Name is Alice

by Jane Bayer

- Names
- Beginning Sounds



## Corduroy

by Don Freeman

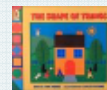
- Shapes
- Using Glue
- Following Directions



## The Shape of Things

by Davie Ann Dodds

- Pass out construction paper shapes and have the children dictate what the shape can be.



## Ten Black Dots

by Donald Crews

Dice Games using big dice from Dollar Tree.

Class Book:



## Mouse Count

by Ellen Stoll Rice



The mice are Dollar Tree cat toys.  
The snake could also be made from a sock.  
The jar is an empty rice container.

## In the Tall, Tall Grass

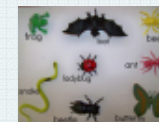
by Denise Fleming



- Discuss: the caterpillar that appears on every page and the change in the pictures from day to night.
- Note rhyming words
- Make a discovery bottle with Easter grass and plastic bugs.
- Plant rye grass seeds with a stick to mark for growth.
- Read *In the Small, Small Pond* (also by Denise Fleming)

## Making an I Spy Bottle

- Take a picture of the items before putting them in.
- Use Picmonkey to add words (free).
- Print the picture on 8 x 11 paper.
- Put it in a dry erase sleeve.



### Art: collage

- Scissor skills
- How much glue to use
- Children choose shade of blue, which insects to make, which words to include



### Leap Frog Dice Game

- Free printable at Teacher's Notebook Growing-in-PreK
- Add two pieces (I use plastic frogs) and a foam dice with the numbers 0, 1, and 2 written on it.



### Go Away Big Green Monster

by Ed Emberley

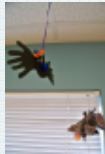
- Free printable monster emergent reader on Teacher's Notebook Shop Growing-in-PreK.
- Make green monster collages.



### Littlebat's Halloween Story

by Diane Mayr

- Hide a cute bat among paper bats that the children have made.

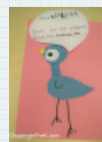


- Read a non-fiction book about bats and compare.

### Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus

by Mo Willems

- Speech bubbles



### Elephant and Piggie books

by Mo Willems

- Puppets from Dollar Tree/Oriental Trading
- Idea from Mommy and Me Book Club



- Lots of ideas at <http://www.pigeonpresents.com>

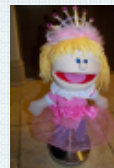
### Pinkalicious

by Victoria Kahn

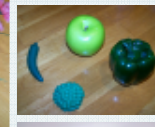
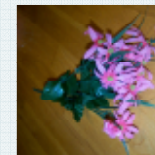
- Add "cupcakes" in two muffin tins. Optional: roll die.



### Pink Puppet



### Props



**Inch by Inch**

by Leo Lionni

- Measuring in non-standard units



- Make a "moving" inch worm.
- Show youtube of real inchworms:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cyas8r9mh3s>

**Hungry, Hungry Caterpillar**

by Eric Carle



Class book: On \_\_\_\_\_, John ate \_\_\_\_\_.

**A Color of His Own**

by Leo Lionni

- Lesson on Camouflage

**If the Dinosaurs Came Back**

by Bernard Most

- Class Book

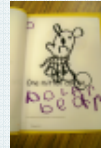
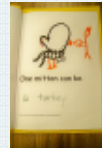


- Measure a Footprint

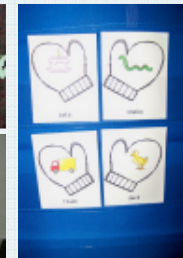
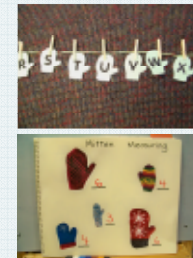
**One Mitten**

by Christine O'Connell George

- Class Book

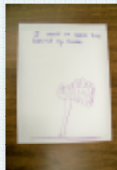


- Mitten activities

**Harold and the Purple Crayon**

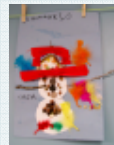
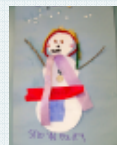
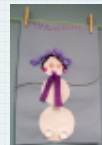
by Crockett Johnson

- Students draw their own dreams using only a purple Crayon on white paper.

**Snowballs**

by Lois Ehlert

- Send a note and bag home for collage materials.
- Scissors practice – circles
- Words: small, medium, large; top, middle, bottom.

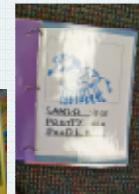
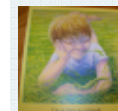


- Estimate how many cottonballs are in a jar.

**Quick as a Cricket**

by Audrey Wood

- Class book
- Science – real crickets from a pet store.



## Impromptu

- I Can by Susan Winter
- Yes Day! by Amy Krouse Rosenthal
- Too Purp!y! by Jean Reidy



## Aaaarrgghh! Spider!

By Lydia Monk



Dice Game – Six Silly Spiders (free at Teacher's Notebook Shop Growing-in-PreK)

Learn more about spiders by reading Are You a Spider? by Tudor Humphries.

Sing Raffi's "Spider on the Floor."

Make spiders with two black paint handprints.



## Let's Sing a Lullaby with the Brave Cowboy

by Jan Thomas

- Cowboy patterning Free printable at Teacher's Notebook Growing-in-PreK



## What Mommies Do Best

by Laura Numeroff

- Use a binder with a clear pocket cover to make a class book with Mommies on one cover and Daddies on the other cover.



## Family Theme

I Love my Family (tune of Addams Family)

We take care of each other,  
Members.  
I'd never pick another,  
We always stick together,  
I love my family.  
Na na na na  
Na na na na  
Na na na na, na na na na,  
na na na na.

My family's the best,  
In the East or the West,  
We do everything with zest,  
I love my family.

Graph number of Family

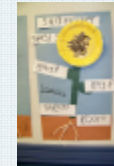
Read and compare the other books in this series.

Have students bring in photos.

## The Little Seed

by Eric Carle

- Use real sunflower seeds in art
- Put real flowers on the science table



## Plant Theme

Action Rhyme: "My Garden"

This is my garden (Extend one hand forward, palm up)  
I'll rake it with care, (Make raking motion on palm with 3 fingers of other hand)  
And then some flower seeds (Plant motion), I'll plant in there.  
The sun will shine (Make circle with hands)  
And the rain will fall, (Let fingers flutter down to lap)  
And my garden will blossom (Cup hands together; extend upward slowly)  
And grow straight and tall.

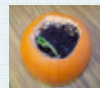
Credit: Step by Step – Garden Theme



## Pumpkin Jack

by Will Hubbell

- Pumpkin Life Cycle



## Pumpkin Life Cycle

- Free printable at Teacher's Notebook Shop Growing-in-PreK:



More books:

Pumpkin Pumpkin by Jeanne Titherington

Pumpkin Circle: The Story of a Garden by George Levenson and Shmuel Thaler