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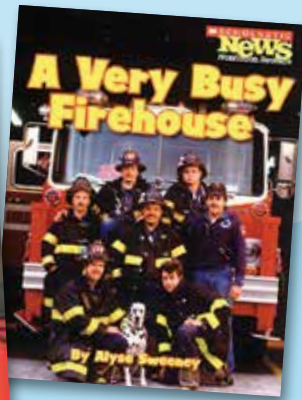


Follow along with Dot in *Dot the Fire Dog* as she races to a fire and helps the firefighters save an old man and his kitten. Then learn about real firefighters by reading *A Very Busy Firehouse*.

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Dot the Fire Dog by Lisa Desimini, and
A Very Busy Firehouse by Alyse Sweeney

Visit your local library for more books about firefighters and fire safety such as these:

- ***Curious George and the Firefighters***
by H.A. Rey (F)
 - ***A Day in the Life of a Firefighter***
by Heather Adamson (I)
 - ***Fire Truck*** by Peter Sís (F)
 - ***Fire Trucks*** by Cynthia Roberts (I)
 - ***Fire! ¡Fuego! Brave Bomberos***
by Susan Middleton Elya (F)
 - ***Firehouse*** by Mark Teague (F)
 - ***I'm Brave*** by Kate and Jim McMullan (F)
 - ***I Want to be a Firefighter*** by Dan Liebman (I)
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More **BookFLIX** pairs you may enjoy:

Bark, George by Jules Feiffer, and
Pets at the Vet by Alyse Sweeney

I Stink! by Kate and Jim McMullan, and
Garbage Trucks by Mary Lindeen

Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathman, and
Police Officers on the Go by Alyse Sweeney

Before Reading

Talk about firefighters and firehouse dogs. How do you think Dot will be able to help the firemen do their job? Ask your child to tell you what a fire engine siren sounds like.

Talk about the vocabulary words in ***A Very Busy Firehouse***: fire axe, fire chief, firefighter, fire truck, helmet, nozzle, and siren. This promotes the PA Language and Literacy Development standard.

After Reading

Dot shares very helpful fire tips at the end of the story. Discuss these tips with your family and talk about how you can be safe. Do you have a fire plan?

Pretend Play

Pretend to put on fire boots, fire pants, a fire jacket, and a fire helmet. Then pretend to put out a fire with a fire hose. Any cylindrical object can be a pretend hose (paper towel roll, empty water bottle, etc.).

Observe

- ★ Look for fire hydrants along the side of the road while in a car or on a walk.
- ★ Dot is a Dalmatian with black spots. Look for black circles near you. Are there circles of other colors nearby? This promotes the PA Mathematical Thinking and Expression standard.

Move and Sing

- ★ Practice Stop, Drop, and Roll.
- ★ Make a fire engine sound noise.

Explore

- ★ Eat spaghetti for dinner just like the firefighters in the book.
- ★ Brainstorm other good firehouse-related names for Dot.
- ★ Do the fun Puzzlers included on the **BookFLIX** site.
- ★ Make a thank-you card for a firefighter. Visit a local firehouse to deliver the card and ask for a tour. Be sure to tell the firefighters everything you learned from the two books. This promotes the PA Creative Thinking and Expression standard.



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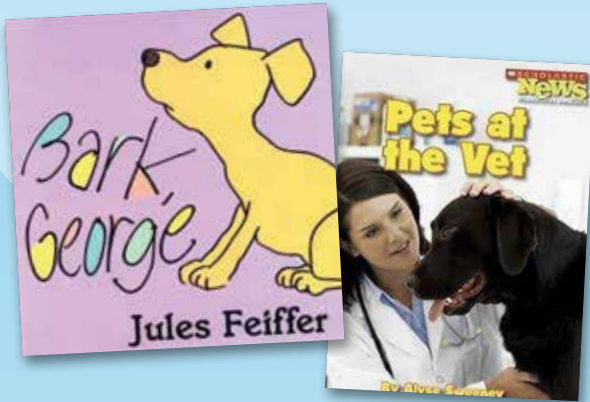


When George starts meowing like a cat and mooing like a cow, his mother brings him to the vet to find out what's wrong. Read *Bark, George* to see what the vet pulls from George's stomach. Then learn more about real-life veterinarians with *Pets at the Vet*.

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Pets at the Vet by Alyse Sweeney

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- ***A Ball for Daisy*** by Chris Raschka (F)
- ***Dogs*** by Seymour Simon (I)
- ***I'm My Own Dog*** by David Ezra Stein (F)
- ***Jump, Pup!*** by Susan B. Neuman (I)
- ***Let's Take Care of Our New Dog*** by Núria Roca (I)
- ***Olivia Becomes a Vet*** by Alex Harvey (F)
- ***Widget*** by Lyn Rossiter McFarland (F)
- ***Z is for Zookeeper: A Zoo Alphabet*** by Marie Smith (I)

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More BookFLIX pairs you may enjoy:

A Sick Day for Amos McGee by Philip C. Stead, and ***Animals in the Zoo*** by Allan Fowler

Good Night, Gorilla by Peggy Rathman, and ***Who Works at the Zoo?*** by Alyse Sweeney

Is Your Mama a Llama? by Deborah Guarino, and ***Animal Babies*** by Elaine Pascoe

Before Reading

Talk about animal sounds together. What sound does a dog make? Does a dog say “meow”? How about “quack”?

Talk about the vocabulary words in ***Pets at the Vet***: checkup, veterinarian, thermometer, stethoscope, medicine, X-ray, and cast. This promotes the PA Language and Literacy standard.

After Reading

A veterinarian is a doctor for animals. Talk about how a vet does a checkup on an animal. How is it similar or different from when you go to the doctor?

Pretend Play

Pretend to be a veterinarian and do a check-up on a stuffed animal. Do not use a live animal because they may bite you or you may hurt them. Look at their eyes, nose, and mouth. Does everything look okay? Feel their stomach; does it feel normal? Look closely at their fur. Is it shiny and nice, or are there bald spots?

Observe

- ★ Count all of the dogs you see in one day.
- ★ Go to a dog park to watch dogs play. Be sure to listen for them to bark.

Move and Sing

- ★ Sing “There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly.” This promotes the CA Creative Thinking and Expression Standard.
- ★ Do a dance like George’s mother.

Explore

- ★ Eat animal crackers. Pay attention to each animal and make the sound of that animal after you swallow the animal cracker.
- ★ Talk about the strangest thing you ever ate.
- ★ Read the story to your pet.
- ★ Do the fun Puzzlers included on the **BookFLIX** site.

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Chato the cat is happy when a family of mice moves in next door. He invites them over for dinner but intends for the mice to be the main course. Chato's plans get changed when the mice bring a friend for dinner to *Chato's Kitchen*.

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Chato's Kitchen by Gary Soto, and
Math in the Kitchen by Ellen Weiss

Visit your local library for more books about food, cooking, and/or bilingual books:

- ***Abuela*** by Arthur Dorros (F)
- ***The Cazuela that the Farm Maiden Stirred*** by Samantha R. Vamos (F)
- ***Chato Goes Cruisin'*** by Gary Soto (F)
- ***Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*** by Judi Barrett (F)
- ***Go, Go, Grapes!: A Food Chant*** by April Pulley Sayre (I)
- ***Rah, Rah, Radishes!: A Vegetable Chant*** by April Pulley Sayre (I)
- ***Strega Nona*** by Tomie dePaola (F)
- Browse the cookbook section for recipes to try at home. (I)

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Chato and the Party Animals by Gary Soto, and
Mi Barrio/My Neighborhood by George Ancona

How Do Dinosaurs Eat Their Food by Jane Yolen, and
This Is the Way We Eat Our Food by Laine Falk

Too Many Tamales by Gary Soto, and
Mis Comidas/My Foods by George Ancona

Before Reading

Look at the cover of the book. What do you think Chato likes to cook in his kitchen?

After Reading

This book has a fun twist when Chorizo turns out to be a dog. What did you think was going to happen when the mouse family friend showed up?

Pretend Play

When the family of mice first sees Chato, they are very scared. Make a face like a scared mouse. Look in the mirror to see what your scared face looks like.

Observe

☀ Look at the foods in your refrigerator or pantry. Talk about foods that are healthy and foods that are unhealthy. For example, cake is unhealthy but it's okay to have it every once in a while.

Move and Sing

- ☀ Chato's tail swings to the rhythm of the music in the beginning of the book. Dance along with Chato.
- ☀ A birthday cake is made in ***Math in the Kitchen***. Sing "Happy Birthday to You" together. Talk about the dates for family members' birthdays.

Explore

- ☀ Chat is a cat so he likes to eat mice. Draw pictures of the types of foods you like to eat. This promotes the PA Creative Thinking and Expression standard.
- ☀ ***Chato's Kitchen*** features many Spanish words. Count from one to ten together in Spanish to reinforce learning another language: uno, dos, tres, cuatro, cinco, seis, siete, ocho, nueve, diez.
- ☀ Put a set of measuring cups in order from smallest to biggest. This promotes the PA Mathematical Thinking and Expression standard.
- ☀ Do the fun Puzzlers included on the **BookFLIX** site.
- ☀ Cook/make one or more of the items on Chato's menu together as a family. Include small children in safe cooking activities, such as putting together a shopping list, gathering ingredients, and measuring ingredients. Save more "dangerous" parts, such as working with hot pans and using knives, for older children and adults. Chato's menu includes arroz (rice), carne asada (grilled steak), chiles rellenos (stuffed chile peppers), chorizo (sausage), enchiladas, fajitas, flan (caramel-coated custard), frijoles (beans), guacamole, quesadillas, salsa, tamarindo (a drink made from tamarind), and tortillas.



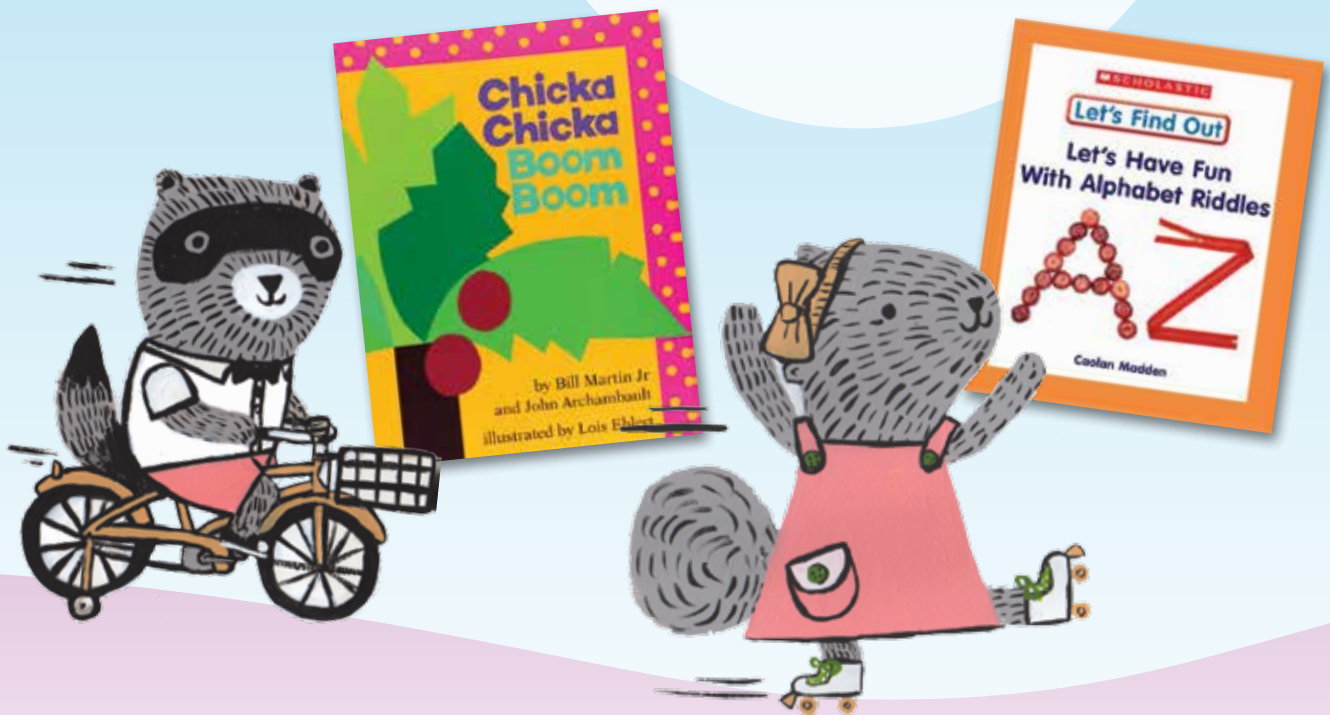
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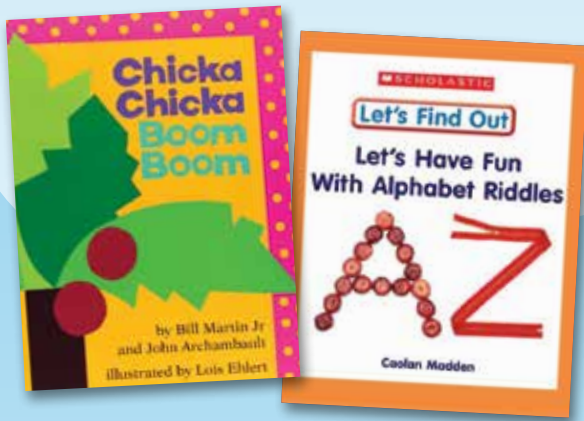


The lower case letters from a to z race to the top of the coconut tree in *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*. Will there be room? Don't worry; when everyone crashes out of the tree, the upper case letters come to the rescue.

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Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault, and
Let's Have Fun with Alphabet Riddles
 by Caolan Madden

Visit your local library for more ABC and 123 books:

- **Creature ABC** by Andrew Zuckerman (I)
- **Eating the Alphabet** by Lois Ehlert (F)
- **Mouse Count** by Ellen Stohl Walsh (F)
- **1 Cookie, 2 Chairs, 3 Pears: Numbers Everywhere** by Jan Brocket (I)
- **R Is for Rocket: An ABC Book** by Tad Hills (F)
- **Ten Black Dots** by Donald Crews (F)
- **Z Is for Moose** by Kelly Bingham (F)

Many libraries have a concepts section. Browse this section for books that you like about the alphabet, counting, shapes, colors, and more.

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Chicka Chicka 123 by Bill Martin Jr.
 and Michael Sampson, and
Everyone Uses Math by Brian Sargent

Goldilocks and the Three Bears by James Marshall,
 and **A Garden Full of Sizes** by Simone T. Ribke

Dem Bones by Bob Barner, and
You Have Healthy Bones by Susan DerKazarian

Before Reading

Do you know the letters of the alphabet?
 Can you sing the ABC song?

After Reading

What letter does your name start with?
 Can you find that letter in the book?

Pretend Play

Let's Have Fun With Alphabet Riddles makes letters out of everyday objects. Use objects around your house to make more letters. For example:

- Use cookies or crackers to make a "C."
- Use a bunch of oranges to make an "O."
- Use pens or pencils to make a "P."

Observe

- ★ Look all around you. What letters can you find? This promotes the PA Language and Literacy Development Standard.
- ★ Label objects around the house to help with letter recognition. Clearly write the name of the object on a piece of paper and tape the paper to the object.

Move and Sing

- ★ Make up a dance to do every time you hear the words "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom." Be sure to fall on the ground when all of the letters fall out of the tree.
- ★ Use shaker instruments and drums along with the "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom" chorus. If you don't have instruments, you can shake your hands as if you are shaking maracas and clap for the drum. This promotes the PA Creative Thinking and Expression standard.

Explore

- ★ Write each letter (both upper and lower case) on a separate index card. Mix the cards up and put them back in ABC order.
- ★ The ABCs are one essential building block for learning. Numbers are another essential skill. Practice counting from 1 to 10 together.
- ★ Now that you've seen all of the letters, practice writing your name.
- ★ Do the fun Puzzlers included on the **BookFLIX** site.

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Rain is the only thing that can save this scorching hot day. When it finally pours down, everyone dances and splashes and plays in the cool wet drops.

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Come On, Rain! by Karen Hesse, and
Rainy Weather Days by Pam Rosenberg

Visit your local library for more books about rain:

- ***Clouette*** by Tom Lichtenheld (F)
- ***Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs***
by Judi Barrett (F)
- ***Mushroom in the Rain*** by Mirra Ginsburg (F)
- ***Raindrops Roll*** by April Pulley Sayre (I)
- ***Thirsty Thursday*** by Phyllis Root (F)
- ***When Rain Falls*** by Melissa Stewart (I)
- ***Who Likes the Rain?*** by Etta Kaner (I)

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And Then It's Spring by Julie Fogliano, and
How Do You Know It's Spring? by Lisa M. Herrington

Bear Has a Story to Tell by Philip C. Stead, and
How Do You Know It's Winter? by Lisa M. Herrington

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats, and
Snowy Weather Days by Katie Marsico

Before Reading

What do you like to do on sunny days? What do you like to do on rainy days?

After Reading

When the rain finally starts, the little girls get to dance in the rain with their mamas. What do you like to do in the rain with your mother or father?

Pretend Play

Do a rain science experiment. Fill a clear glass with water stopping a couple of inches from the top of the glass. Carefully put shaving cream on top of the water. Add a couple drops of blue food coloring on top of the shaving cream. The food coloring will start to push through the shaving cream causing "rain" inside the glass. The thinner the layer of shaving cream, the quicker the "rain" will start.

Observe

- ★ Look at the clouds in the sky. Do you see any shapes?
- ★ Put a group of crayons in rainbow order (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple). This promotes the PA Scientific Thinking: Exploring, Inquiry, and Discovery standard.

Move and Sing

- ★ Sing "The Itsy-Bitsy Spider" or "Rain, Rain, Go Away" together.
- ★ Make the sound of rain by drumming your fingers on a hard surface. Can you make it rain slow? Can you make it rain fast?

Explore

- ★ Jump in a puddle. If it hasn't rained recently, make a puddle using a garden hose.
- ★ Go outside in the rain and catch raindrops on your tongue. This promotes the PA Approaches to Learning through Play standard.
- ★ Drink a cool glass of water. Try to feel it sliding all the way down your throat.
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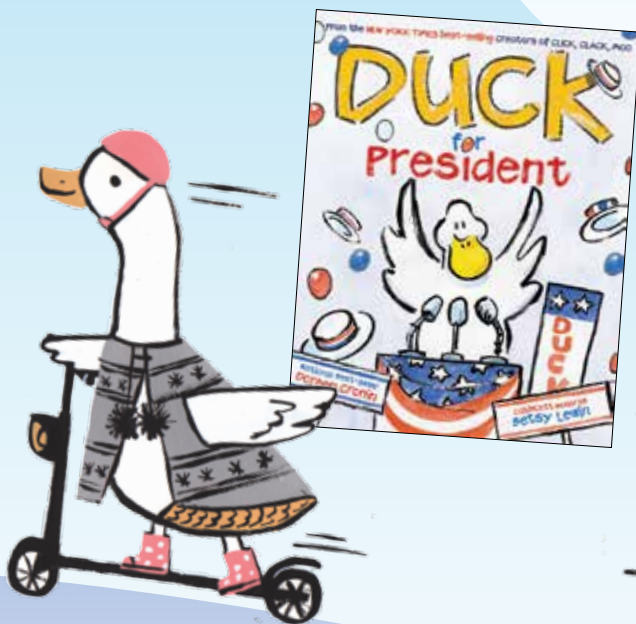


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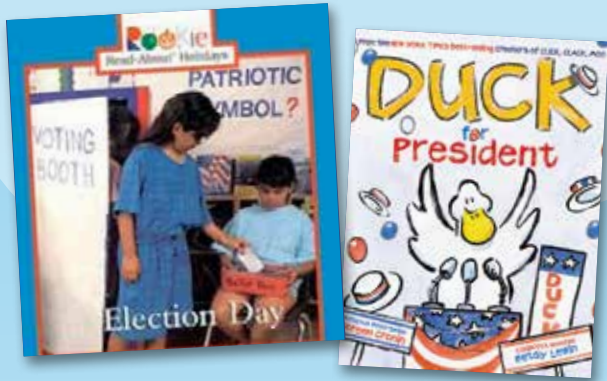


Duck is tired of having to do chores around the farm so he runs in an election to become the head of the farm. He soon discovers that running a farm is even harder than he thought. Next stop, the governor’s office.

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Duck for President by Doreen Cronin, and
Election Day by Patricia J. Murphy

Visit your local library for more books about Duck (the character), presidents, and elections:

- ***America the Beautiful: Together We Stand*** by Katharine Lee Bates (I)
- ***The Berenstain Bears and Mama for Mayor*** by Jan and Mike Berenstain (F)
- ***Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type*** by Doreen Cronin (F)
- ***First Pooch: The Obamas Pick a Pet*** by Carole Boston Weatherford (I)
- ***Giggle, Giggle, Quack*** by Doreen Cronin (F)
- ***Grace for President*** by Kelly DiPucchio (F)
- ***The House that George Built*** by Suzanne Slade (I)
- ***LaRue for Mayor*** by Mark Teague (F)
- ***Presidents' Day*** by Anne Rockwell (F)
- ***Vote For Me*** by Ben Clanton (F)

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Children Make Terrible Pets by Peter Brown, and
Pets at the White House by Marge Kennedy

Madam President by Lane Smith, and
What Does the President Do? by Amanda Miller

Otto Runs for President by Rosemary Wells, and
Let's Vote on It by Janice Behrens

So You Want to Be President? by Judith St. George,
and ***George Washington*** by Wil Mara

Before Reading

Talk about the President of the United States. What do you think he/she does in his/her job? Do you think his/her job is hard? How did he/she get his/her job?

After Reading

Who is the current President of the United States? How long has he/she been president? How old is he/she? Who was the first President of the United States?

In ***Duck for President*** the animals are allowed to vote. What do you think would happen if animals were allowed to vote in real life?

Pretend Play

Hold an election for something in your household: what to cook for dinner, what color everyone should wear tomorrow, how many books to check out from the library, or something else of your choosing. Decorate a shoebox to serve as a ballot box. Allow everyone in the family one vote. Be sure to tally the votes as a group. This promotes the PA Social Studies Thinking and Mathematical Thinking and Expression standards.

Observe

- ☀ Talk about who makes the rules in your household.
- ☀ Play a game to see who can find a farm along the side of the road first. Extra points if you see a duck on the farm.

Move and Sing

- ☀ Play "The Farmer in the Dell."
- ☀ Sing a patriotic song together: "The National Anthem," "My Country 'Tis of Thee," or "God Bless America."

Explore

- ☀ Give a speech using only animal sounds. This promotes the PA Creative Thinking and Expression standard.
- ☀ Make a list of the different chores that have to be done in your household. Assign the chores to people in your family.
- ☀ Pretend you are running for president and create an election poster.
- ☀ Count how many years it will be before you are allowed to vote in a U.S. election.
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Duck decides to borrow a child’s bike and ride around the barn passing many farm animals on his trip. When a bunch of kids drop their bikes by the front door on their way into the house, everyone, from cow to mouse, gets a chance to join in the fun.

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Duck on a Bike by David Shannon, and
Bicycle Safety by Lisa M. Herrington

Visit your local library for more books about bicycles and/or books by David Shannon:

- ***A Bad Case of Stripes*** by David Shannon (F)
- ***Ben Rides On*** by Matt Davies (F)
- ***Bicycle Book*** by Gail Gibbons (I)
- ***Bike Safety: A Crash Course*** by Lisa J. Amstutz (I)
- ***Bikes on the Move*** by Willow Clark (I)
- ***Everyone Can Learn to Ride a Bicycle*** by Chris Raschka (F)
- ***Gretchen: The Bicycle Dog*** by Anita Heyman (I)
- ***My Bike*** by Byron Barton (F)
- ***No, David!*** by David Shannon (F)

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Curious George Rides a Bike by H. A. Rey, and
Monkeys and Other Mammals by Mary Schulte

Giggle, Giggle, Quack by Doreen Cronin, and
Living on Farms by Allan Fowler

Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins, and
A Chick Grows Up by Pam Zollman

Before Reading

Have you ever seen a duck ride a bike? Do you think a duck could ride a bike? Why or why not?

After Reading

Talk about bike safety. What mistakes does Duck make when he rides the bike? (Examples: he does not wear a helmet; he stands up on the seat.)

Pretend Play

Pretend to act out all of the ways that Duck rides the bike: go slow and wobbly, ride faster, ring the bell, stand on the seat, and ride with no hands.

The ***Bicycle Safety*** book demonstrates proper hand signals when riding a bike. Practice those signals together while walking around.

Observe

- ★ Count all of the bicycles you see on a trip around town. This promotes the PA Mathematical Thinking and Expression standard while encouraging bicycle safety by helping everyone in the family keep an eye out for bikes.

Move and Sing

- ★ When all of the animals are riding bicycles, the two pigs ride on one bike together. Sing “On a Bicycle Built for Two” together. You can find versions of the song on YouTube if you don’t know the words.
- ★ Duck says “Hello” to many animals on the farm. Reinforce the animal sounds by making them together: cow (moo), sheep (baa), dog (woof), cat (meow), horse (neigh), chicken (cluck cluck), goat (maa), pig (oink), and mouse (squeak).

Explore

- ★ A bicycle is just one fun way to get around. Retell the story and have Duck ride a skateboard, use roller skates, or do another fun activity of your choosing. This promotes the PA Language and Literacy standard.
- ★ Using the ***Bicycle Safety*** book as a guide, check your family bicycles for safety features. Do they have reflectors and a bell or horn? Check everyone’s helmets for proper fit. This promotes the PA Health, Wellness, and Physical Development Standard.
- ★ Go for a bike ride with your family.
- ★ Write a letter to your mayor, governor, or other elected official asking for more bike lanes on roads. Younger children can dictate their letter to an adult. This promotes the PA Social Studies Thinking standard.
- ★ Do the fun Puzzlers included on the **BookFLIX** site.



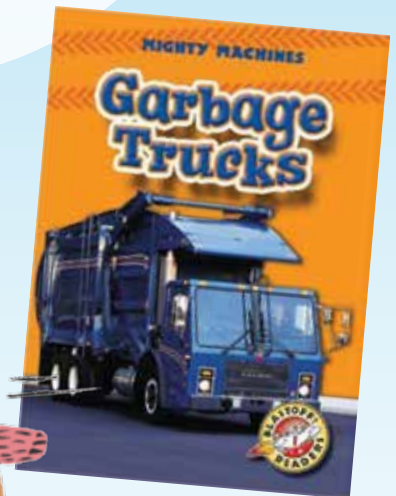
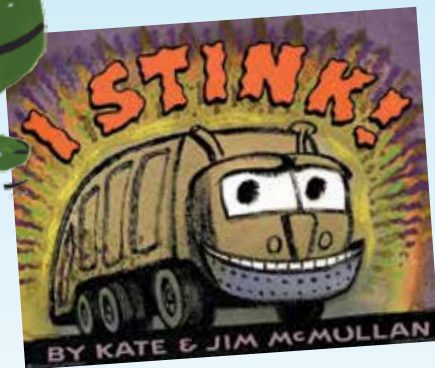
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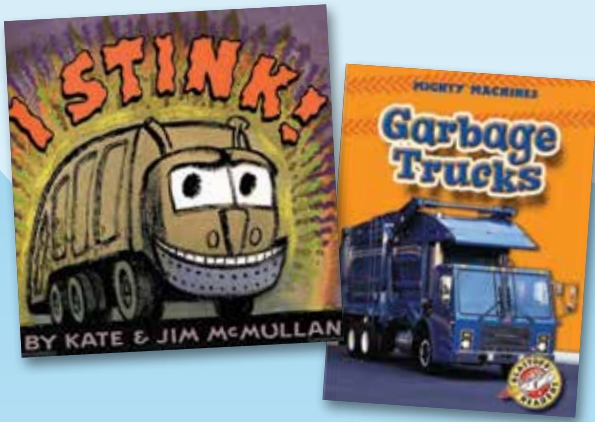


The Garbage Truck loves his stinky job and he can't wait to tell you all about it. Follow along on his nightly rounds.

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I Stink! by Kate and Jim McMullan, and
Garbage Trucks by Mary Lindeen

Visit your local library for more books about trash and recycling:

- ***The Dumpster Diver*** by Janet S. Wong (F)
- ***Emeraldalicious*** by Victoria Kann (F)
- ***Garbage Trucks*** by Marv Alinas (I)
- ***Garbage Trucks at Work*** by D.R. Addison (I)
- ***Recycle Everyday***
by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace (F)
- ***Smash! Mash! Crash! There Goes the Trash!*** by Barbara Odanaka (F)
- ***Trash Trucks*** by Daniel Kirk (F)
- ***What Can We Do About Trash and Recycling*** by Lorijo Metz (I)

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I'm Dirty! by Kate and Jim McMullan, and
Backhoes by Ray McClellan

I'm Fast! by Kate and Jim McMullan, and
Trains by Mary Lindeen

Trashy Town by Andrea Zimmerman and David Clemesha, and
Our Earth: Making Less Trash by Peggy Hock

Before Reading

What happens to our trash after we put it in the garbage can?

After Reading

What would it be like if there weren't trash trucks? Where would all of the trash go?

Pretend Play

Pretend that you are a trash truck and your toy box is a landfill. Pick up all the trash (your toys) and put them in the landfill. Don't forget to make sounds like a garbage truck: beep as you back up, crunch up trash, and make your tires rumble.

Observe

- ☀ The Garbage Truck likes alphabet soup. Look for letters of the alphabet on signs along the road. This promotes the PA Language and Literacy Development standard.
- ☀ Count the trash cans in your house or along the side of the road.

Move and Sing

- ☀ Listen to the song "I Love Trash" by Oscar the Grouch from *Sesame Street*.

Explore

- ☀ Sort empty cans or bottles by size or color. This promotes the PA Mathematical Thinking and Expression standard.
- ☀ Participate in a community trash clean-up day at a local park. Be sure to wear rubber gloves and have an adult help you. Never pick up broken glass.
- ☀ Collect all of the trash in your car and throw it in a trash can or recycling bin at your next stop.
- ☀ The garbage truck in this book works at night. Talk about who else works at night.
- ☀ Create a list of things that smell bad and a list of things that smell good.
- ☀ Do the fun Puzzlers included on the **BookFLIX** site.



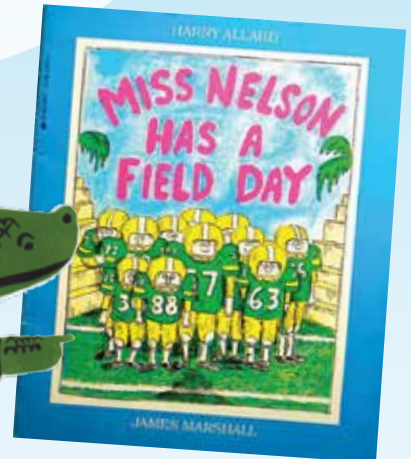
BOOKS ON THE GO!

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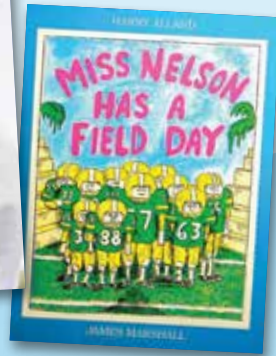


The Smedley Tornados are the worst football team around. They can't win a game; they can't even score one point. Luckily, Miss Viola Swamp, the meanest substitute teacher ever, comes in to save the day.

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Miss Nelson Has a Field Day by Harry Allard, and
This Is the Way We Play by Amanda Miller

Visit your local library for more books about Miss Nelson or sports and games:

- ***Baseball Hour*** by Carol Nevius (I)
- ***Can I Play Too?*** by Mo Willems (F)
- ***Miss Nelson Is Back*** by Harry Allard (F)
- ***Miss Nelson Is Missing*** by Harry Allard (F)
- ***Oliver's Tree*** by Kit Chase (F)
- ***Soccer Hour*** by Carol Nevius (I)
- ***Stretch*** by Doreen Cronin (F)

Ask if your library has a book about your favorite football team. (I)

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More BookFLIX pairs you may enjoy:

The Gym Teacher from the Black Lagoon by Mike Thaler, and ***Keeping Fit*** by Megan Borgert-Spaniol

The Teacher from the Black Lagoon by Mike Thaler, and
This Is the Way We Go To School by Laine Falk

Goldilocks and the Three Bears by James Marshall, and
A Garden Full of Sizes by Simone T. Ribke

Before Reading

What does it mean to be on a sports team? Talk about practicing, team spirit, and sportsmanship.

After Reading

Who do you think Miss Viola Swamp really is?

Pretend Play

Make up a brand-new team game. What is the game called? Does it need a ball? What type of ball? How are points scored? How many people are needed on a team?

Observe

- ★ Draw a picture of Miss Nelson and Miss Viola Swamp. What is different about the two ladies? What is the same? This promotes the PA Creative Thinking and Expression standard.
- ★ Retell the story to a friend. This promotes the PA Language and Literacy Development standard.

Move and Sing

- ★ Exercise is more fun with music. Sing “Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes” together as a fun way to move around.
- ★ Cheerleaders help support the Smedley Tornados during the big Thanksgiving Day game. Create a cheer for your favorite team. Make it active by adding movements.

Explore

- ★ Coach Swamp makes the team exercise during practice. Exercise as a family. You can do leg lifts and run like the team in the book or do exercises that you find fun. Try to come up with fun exercises you can safely do in a car. This promotes the PA Health, Wellness, and Physical Development standard.
- ★ Some games can be played anywhere. Play Tic-Tac-Toe, Rock/Paper/Scissors, or Simon Says together.
- ★ ***This Is the Way We Play*** shows games that children play around the world. Learn how to play a new game like mancala or marbles. Go to your local library and ask for a book on how to play.
- ★ Institute a family game night. Pick one night each week (or each month) that the whole family gets together to play games. The games can be sports or board games.
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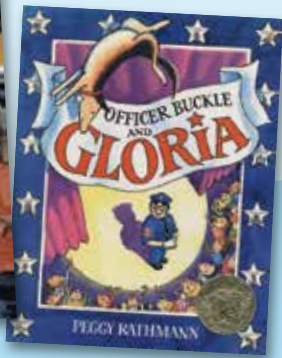
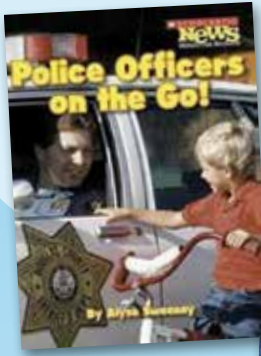


Officer Buckle loves giving safety talks to kids; unfortunately, his talks are very boring. The presentation livens up when Gloria the dog comes along. Can Officer Buckle and Gloria find a way to work together?

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Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathman, and
Police Officers on the Go by Alyse Sweeney

Visit your local library for more books about police and working dogs:

- ***Hardworking Puppies*** by Lynn Reiser (F)
 - ***I Want to Be a Police Officer*** by Daniel Liebman (I)
 - ***Keeping You Safe: A Book about Police Officers*** by Ann Owen (I)
 - ***The Police Cloud*** by Christoph Niemann (F)
 - ***Police: Hurrying! Helping! Saving!*** by Patricia Hubbell (F)
 - ***Police Officers on Patrol*** by Kersten Hamilton (F)
 - ***Policeman Small*** by Lois Lenski (F)
 - ***Tuesday Tucks Me In: The Loyal Bond Between a Soldier and His Service Dog*** by Luis Carlos Montalván (I)
 - ***Whose Equipment Is This?*** by Amanda Doering Tourville (I)
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Dot the Fire Dog by Lisa Desimini, and
A Very Busy Firehouse by Alyse Sweeney

The Teacher from the Black Lagoon by Mike Thaler, and
This Is the Way We Go to School by Laine Falk

The Librarian from the Black Lagoon by Mike Thaler, and
A Day with Librarians by Jodie Shephard

Before Reading

What do police officers do? Has a police officer ever visited you at school or daycare?

After Reading

Officer Buckle wants everyone to be safe. Why don't people like his presentations before Gloria joins him onstage? Is Gloria good at presenting by herself? Why or why not?

Pretend Play

Act out some safety tips for your family. Use extra caution so that no one gets hurt. This promotes the PA Creative Thinking and Expression standard.

Observe

- ★ Look for star shapes around you. Is anyone wearing a star on their clothing, buttons, or jewelry?
- ★ If you see a police officer this week, walk up to him/her and say hello. Be sure to tell them that you just read a book about police officers.

Move and Sing

- ★ Sing "How Much Is that Doggie in the Window" together.

Explore

- ★ Write a thank-you letter to Officer Buckle. Be sure to include a drawing of Gloria. This promotes the PA Language and Literacy Development standard.
- ★ Share ice cream with someone you love, just like Officer Buckle and Gloria do after a presentation.
- ★ Officer Buckle has 101 safety tips. Count to 101 together.
- ★ Contact your local library to see if they have a reading to dogs program. Sign up for the program and read this story (or another favorite story) to a dog.
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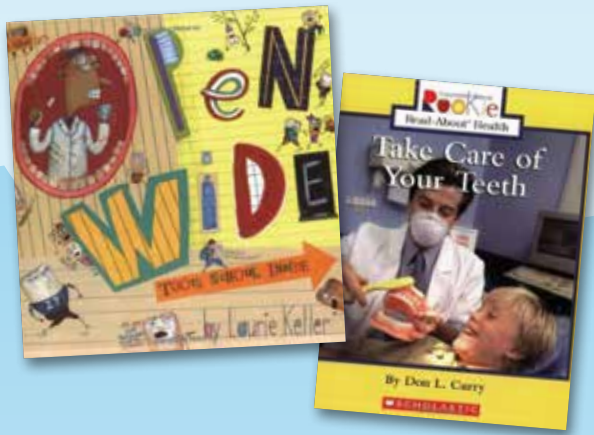


Dr. Flossman and his class of incisors, canines, premolars,
and molars have fun learning how to stay clean and
healthy in *Open Wide: Tooth School Inside*.

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Open Wide: Tooth School Inside by Laurie Keller, and **Take Care of Your Teeth** by Don L. Curry

Visit your local library for more books about teeth and dentists:

- **ABC Dentist: Healthy Teeth from A to Z** by Harriett Ziefert (I)
- **Brushing Teeth** by Mari C. Schuh (I)
- **Clarabella's Teeth** by An Vrombaut (F)
- **Dentists** by Cecilia Minden and Linda M. Armantrout (I)
- **Fancy Nancy and the Too-Loose Tooth** by Jane O'Connor (F)
- **Nice Try, Tooth Fairy** by Mary W. Olson (F)
- **The Sweet Tooth** by Margie Palatini (F)
- **The Tooth Book: A Guide to Healthy Teeth and Gums** by Edward Miller (I)

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More BookFLIX pairs you may enjoy:

Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion, and **Keeping Clean** by Sharon Gordon

Dem Bones by Bob Barner, and **You Have Healthy Bones** by Susan DerKazarian

T Is for Terrible by Peter McCarty, and **Dinosaur Teeth** by Susan H. Gray

Before Reading

What do you think teeth would learn about if they went to school?

After Reading

Answer this question: "What is the most important thing you should do twice a day to keep your teeth healthy?"

Pretend Play

Pretend that your toes are teeth. Use yarn or ribbon to "floss" in between your toe teeth.

Observe

- ★ Open wide. Use a mirror to count the teeth in your mouth. If you haven't lost any baby teeth, you should have 20 teeth. (Adults have 32 teeth if none have been removed.)
- ★ After eating, open wide and use a mirror to see the food left behind on your teeth.
- ★ Teeth come in different shapes and sizes. Using clean fingers, feel around in your mouth to see how some teeth feel different from others. This promotes the PA Scientific Thinking standard.

Move and Sing

- ★ Listen to the "Tooth School Anthem" at the end of **Open Wide**. Make up a dance to the song using just your mouth. This promotes the PA Creative Thinking and Expression standard.
- ★ At the start of the day, the tooth class recites their pledge. Recite the tooth pledge before brushing your teeth: "I pledge allegiance to this mouth and to the dentist who takes care of us. And to the gums on which we stand, strong and healthy, with toothbrushes and toothpaste for all."

Explore

- ★ The tooth fairy tells her story in **Open Wide**. Put something small like a tooth under a pillow (a small Lego piece will work). Reach under the pillow and try to find the object without picking up the pillow.
- ★ Use an old toothbrush and toothpaste to draw a picture on a dark piece of paper. Throw away the toothbrush or store it with art supplies after you are done; do not use the toothbrush in your mouth again.
- ★ Find an apple without any bruises or holes. Carefully use a knife to poke a hole the size of a pencil eraser in the apple (have an adult help). Look inside the hole to see that everything is still healthy and clean. Leave the apple on the counter. Look at the hole every day for a week to watch it grow mushy and gross. Talk about how the hole is like a cavity in a tooth.
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Rosie the hen goes for a walk throughout the farmyard. A fox follows closely behind but he runs into trouble each time he tries to catch Rosie.

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Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins, and
A Chick Grows Up by Pam Zollman

Before Reading

Rosie is going to take a walk through the farmyard. What do you think she will see along the way?

A Chick Grows Up has many new vocabulary words. Talk about these words and what they mean: hen, chicks, nest, embryo, hatch, down, comb, wattle, and roosters.

After Reading

What do you think happens to the fox after he crashes into the beehive? Do you think he ever tries to catch Rosie again? What do you think he had for dinner instead?

Pretend Play

Using objects around the house, recreate Rosie's walk. Examples of possible ways to recreate the book include:

- "across the yard" – walk across a room or walk across your yard
- "around the pond" – walk around an area rug
- "over the haystack" – climb over a pile of pillows
- "past the mill" – walk past a fan
- "through the fence" – walk through a "fence" of dining room chairs
- "under the beehives" – crawl under the kitchen table

Feel free to use your own imagination to make this book come to life. You can also go for a walk through a park and use various playground equipment to recreate the story.

Observe

- ★ Crack open an egg. Talk about how the yolk can become a chicken. Be sure to reassure sensitive children that this egg was not fertilized and would never have become a live chicken. This promotes the PA Scientific Thinking standard.
- ★ You see what happens to the fox throughout the story but there are no words for this part of the story. Talk about or write down what happens to the fox each time he tries to catch Rosie.

Move and Sing

- ★ Since there are few words in ***Rosie's Walk***, fun music plays in the background throughout the book. Walk/dance like a chicken to the music.
- ★ Rosie sees very few farm animals on her walk. Introduce Rosie to the sounds that farm animals make by singing "Old MacDonald" together.

Explore

- ★ The fox wants to catch Rosie for dinner but you could pretend that he was just playing "Follow the Leader." Take a walk around your neighborhood while playing "Follow the Leader" together.
- ★ During the course of her walk, Rosie goes across, around, over, past, through, and under. Demonstrate each of these prepositions using your hands.
- ★ Draw a picture of each of Rosie's actions: "across the yard," "around the pond," "over the haystack," "past the mill," "through the fence," and "under the beehives." Mix up the pictures and see how well you can remember the correct sequence of the story. This promotes the PA Language and Literacy Development standard.
- ★ Do the fun Puzzlers included on the **BookFLIX** site.

Visit your local library for more books about chickens, walks, and books by Pat Hutchins:

- ***Chicks and Chickens*** by Gail Gibbons (I)
 - ***The Doorbell Rang*** by Pat Hutchins (F)
 - ***Farm Animals*** by Bobbie Kalman (I)
 - ***Hattie and the Fox*** by Mem Fox (F)
 - ***I Went Walking*** by Sue Williams (F)
 - ***We're Going on a Picnic!*** by Pat Hutchins (F)
 - ***Where Do Chicks Come From?*** by Amy E. Sklansky (I)
 - ***The Wind Blew*** by Pat Hutchins (F)
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Good Night, Gorilla by Peggy Rathman, and
Who Works at the Zoo? by Alyse Sweeney

In the Small, Small Pond by Denise Fleming, and
Life in a Pond by Allen Fowler

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats, and
Snowy Weather Days by Katie Marsico