

Alberta Prairie C.O.W. Bus

Spring Newsletter 2012



Activities

Spring Literacy

Now that the weather is starting to warm up it's a great time to grab your puddle boots and head outside to enjoy nature! Here are some ideas to help you build on your child's literacy skills.

- ❖ Take a walk outside with your child. Along your walk have your child gather different found objects. When you get home you and your child can organize the objects into different categories such as prickly, hard, smooth.
- ❖ When outside play "I Spy" searching for objects beginning with each letter of the alphabet or a specific letter. For example "I spy something that begins with the letter a"

- ❖ Choose a tree in your yard or close by; encourage your child to examine it. Discuss what you see, are there places where branches are missing, are there birds nests, take a bark rubbing or sketch a picture. Visit the tree often during the next few weeks and discuss with your child the changes you see as the tree begins to bud.



Rhymes

Little Seeds

by Else Holmelund Minarik

Little seeds we sow in spring
growing while the robins sing,
give us carrots, peas and beans,
tomatoes, pumpkins, squash and greens.

And we pick them,
one and all,
through the summer, through the fall.

Winter comes, then spring, and then
little seeds we sow again.

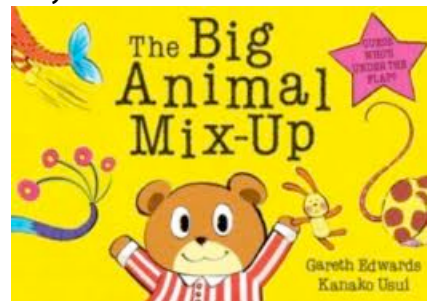
Book Recommendations

0-2 years



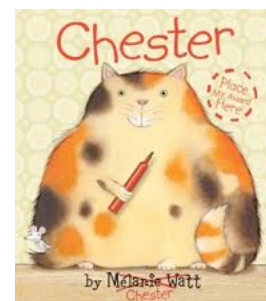
Baby, Boo
by Amazing Baby

3-4 years



The Big Animal Mix-up
by Gareth Edwards

5-6 years



Chester
by Melanie Watt

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