

Kids Are Customers, Too! October, 2008

**Storytime Transitions:  
Fun and Educational Ways to Connect  
Books During Young Children's Programs**

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**I. Substitution**

- A. Theme: Sheep- "Baa Baa Black Sheep"  
Books: Russell the Sheep (Scotton) + Counting Ovejas (Weeks)
- B. Theme: Fish/Ocean- "Red Fish"  
Books: Hooray for Fish!(Cousins) + Fish Eyes (Ehlert)
- C. Theme: Bears- "The Bear Went Over the Mountain"  
Books: Big Smelly Bear (Teckentrup) + Better Not Get Wet, Jesse Bear (Carlstom)
- D. Theme: Foods- "Little Miss Muffet"  
Books: The Very Hungry Caterpillar (Carle) + Mouse Mess (Riley)

**II. Songs and Movement**

- A. Theme: Dogs- "Bingo" and "What Can Your Doggie Do?"  
Books: Please, Puppy, Please (Lee) + Harry, The Dirty Dog (Zion)
- B. Theme: Transportation- "I'm Driving My Car"(Berkner)  
Books: My Car (Barton) + Trucks Roll! (Lyon)
- C. Theme: Farm Animals- "Row, Row, Row Ye Boat" (Hogeland)  
Books: On The Farm (Elliott) + Barnyard Banter (Fleming)
- D. Theme: Farm or Zoo- "I Was Walking Down the Street" (Jenkins)  
Books: This is the Farmer (Tafari) + The Thing That Bothered Farmer Brown (Sloat)
- E. Theme: Farm- "Down in the Barnyard"  
Books: Hello, Day! (Lobel) + Down on the Farm (Kutner)
- F. Theme: Wild Animals- Let's Pretend  
Books: From Head to Toe (Carle) + Way Far Away on a Wild Safari (Peck)

### III. Echo Stories/Chants/Call & Response

- A. Book: Hurry, Hurry (Bunting)
- B. Fox and Rabbit on Flannel Board
- C. Bear and Bee on Flannel Board
- D. Book: I Went Walking (Williams)
- E. Ole Jack Rabbit on Flannel Board

### IV. Non-Fiction Facts

- A. Theme: Fall Cut-outs: Pumpkins  
Books: Pumpkin Eye (Fleming) + Five Little Pumpkins (Van Rynbach)
- B. Theme: Monkeys Cut-outs: Bananas  
Books: Monkey and Me (Gravett) + Five Little Monkeys Sitting in a Tree (Christelow)
- C. Theme: Insects Cut-out: Spider  
Books: The Very Busy Spider (Carle) + Be Nice to Spiders (Graham)
- D. Theme: Birds/Ducks Use eggs.  
Books: Five Little Ducks (Bates) + Duck at the Door (Urbanovic)
- E. Theme: Farms Show-and-Tell  
Book: Fantastic Farm Machines (Peterson)
- F. Theme: Oceans Cut-outs: Waves  
Books: I'm The Biggest Thing in the Ocean (Sherry) + A Poem of the Sea (Anderson)

**V. Element of Surprise**

- A. Cardboard Box – “I Went Knocking”
- B. Bongo Bag - Theme: Hats/Careers/Community Helpers  
Books: This is the Hat (Van Laan) + Ho for a Hat! (Smith)
- C. Pillowcase – “Where is \_\_\_\_?”

**VI. Thinking Things**

- A. Word Houses  
Examples: -at (cat), -oon (moon), -ig (pig)
- B. Box  
Theme: Shapes or Rabbits  
Books: Not at Box (Portis) + The Mysterious Package (Chessa)
- C. Stick  
Theme: Pigs  
Books: Not a Stick (Portis) + I’m a Pig (Weeks) + Tom’s Tail (Jennings)
- D. Little Red Caboose  
Theme: Trains  
Books: Freight Train (Crews) + And the Train Goes... (Bee)
- E. Thank Goodness for That!  
Theme: Pets/Cats  
Books: Cat (Dumbleton) + Drat That Fat Cat (Thomson) + I Love Cats (Stainton)
- F. “I’m Goin’ Fishin’”  
Theme: Fish/Ocean  
Books: One Smart Fish (Manivong) + Fish (Klingel)