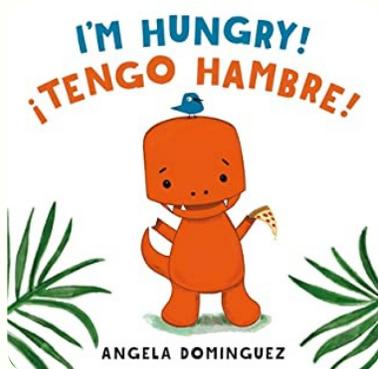


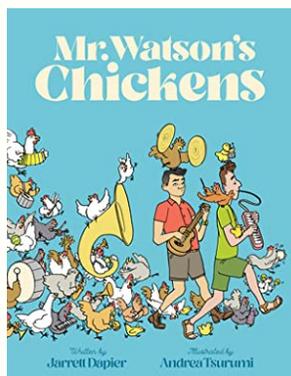
# Preschool Pages

Book Recommendations, Early Literacy Tips, and More  
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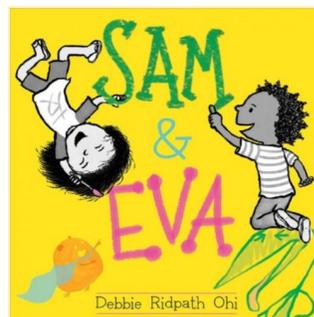
## Book Recommendations



When a bluebird asks a dinosaur what's wrong, the dinosaur responds, "¡Tengo hambre!" Yet no matter what the bluebird offers, the dinosaur doesn't want that food. But finally, the two friends find something they both love. This silly picture book is a great way to incorporate both English and Spanish in a fun way for all readers.



Mr. Watson starts out with just three chickens. But then he gets two more, and a few more, until he has 456 chickens! His partner, Mr. Nelson, finally convinces him enough is enough, and they attempt to give the chickens a new home before hilarity ensues. This book has rollicking rhymes and bright illustrations. It even has a fun search and find page!



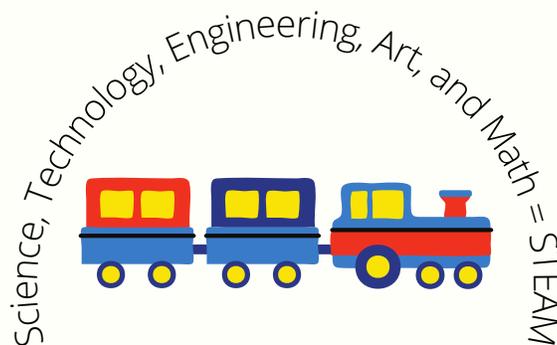
Sam is very happy creating his drawing when Eva joins in, and suddenly Sam is NOT so happy. Their drawings get more and more outrageous as they try to outdo the other. When things get too out of hand, Sam and Eva join forces to draw their way out of the very mess they've created. Along the lines of *Harold and the Purple Crayon*, this book explores the themes of creativity and friendship.



This beautifully illustrated, wordless picture book celebrates creativity and resilience! When a young boy's paper boat gets ruined in the rain, it isn't the end of his fun. Be sure to check out the endpapers in both the front and the back of the book for diagrams to help you and your child make your own creations!

## News You Can Use

This month, our Grab & Go kits will be available beginning April 11th. You can check for them in our outdoor Creation Station or in the Youth Services Department. In addition, we have a new Parent Café video, "On the STEAM Train," which will be on our [YouTube channel](#) on April 10th.



# Author/Illustrator Spotlight

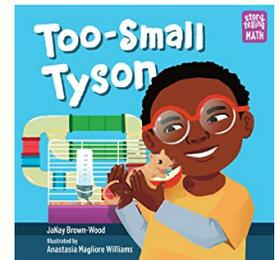
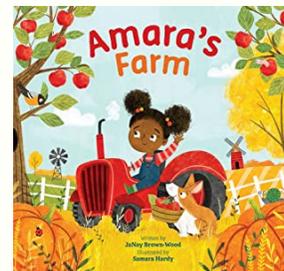
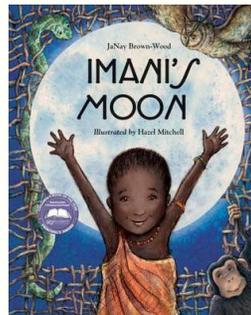
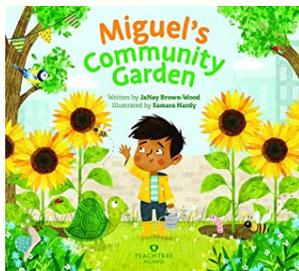
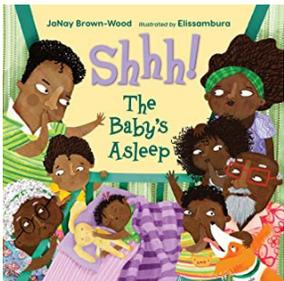
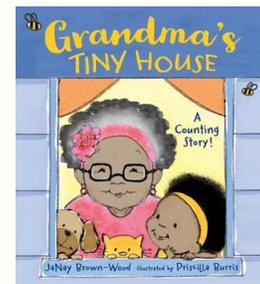
## JANAY BROWN-WOOD

Sometimes an author has so many great titles, we wish we could name them all! This month, we want to highlight the work of JaNay Brown-Wood.

JaNay Brown-Wood has written a variety of picture books. Many include the important themes of family and community and the different ways we can show care for each other. Brown-Wood has additional picture books planned for release, including *Too-Small Tyson* in the fall, so keep your eyes peeled for more great stories to come!



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## Early Literacy Tips

Stringing beads or doing fingerplays together is a great way to practice writing! Yes, that's right -- writing at this age isn't necessarily writing! Little ones need to develop the muscles in their hands before they can hold a pencil to write. If you don't have beads, you can use circle-shaped cereal or tubular pasta shapes to string onto yarn.



Freeze dance games are a great way to practice patience! While waiting can be hard, practicing the skill in a fun way can help your child get used to waiting and see the reward of learning how to be patient.

