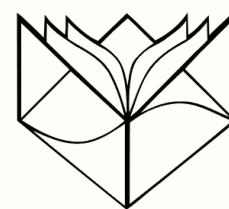




Preschool Pages: Plant a Seed, Read!



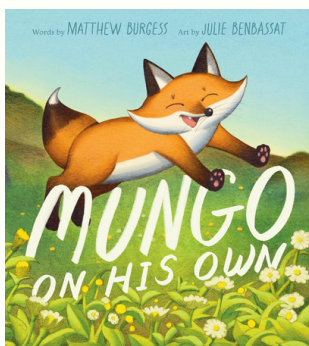
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*Book Recommendations, Early Literacy Tips, and More
from the Deerfield Public Library Youth Services Department*

Book Recommendations



Zarah and her brother are picked up from school by their Uncle Jerome, who always wants to go for a long walk. They just want to go home! But their uncle shows them the joy of using their imagination and their five senses to make an ordinary walk into a special journey. This book is perfect to read outside together, and then you can go on your own imaginative adventure afterwards!



Young Mungo, a baby fox, has been dreaming about berries and wakes up wanting a snack. But he has never explored the forest on his own without his mother. Will he be able to find his way? This book is perfect for social emotional learning, providing an example of how it can be tough for kids to do something on their own for the first time. But the independence and pride they'll have is worth it!



This longer picture book, created by Geisel Honor winner Melissa Iwai, features Lili as she goes to pick strawberries from the garden but gets waylaid by requests from all the grandmas in her apartment building. Along the way, you and Lili can learn "hello" in different languages, learn about yummy dishes from around the world, and get gardening tips!



The garden is a perfect spot for Nina to play hide-and-seek with her dog, explore its colors and wonders through both English and Spanish text, and enjoy a family dinner together. What a great day! Un gran día! Bold, vivid art accompanies this story of learning about, being helpful in, and appreciating a garden!



Evie doesn't want just a cat - she wants a *cool* pet. But after catching a snake in the garden, she learns that maybe her cat was the perfect pet all along. A sweet story about appreciating your loved ones and about respecting wildlife.

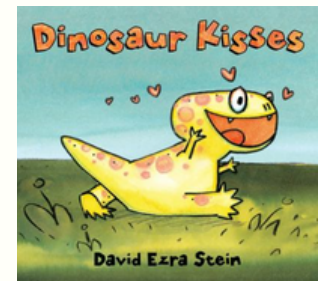
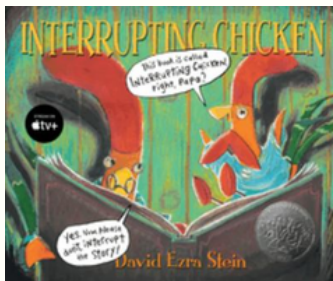
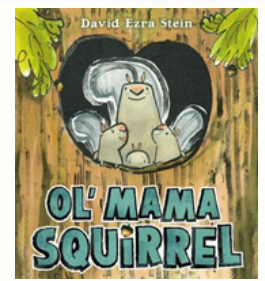
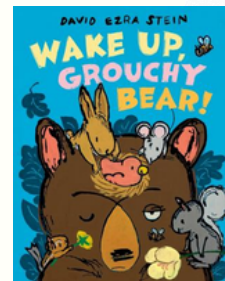
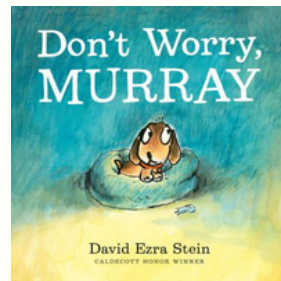
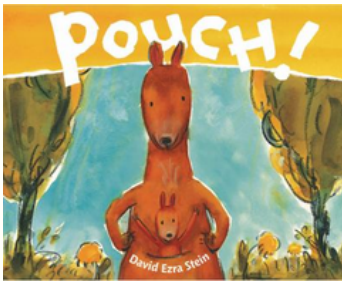


Rhyming text, short sentences, and an enjoyable day in the garden make this a fun read-aloud. When the hungry crow comes around to eat the seeds these siblings have just planted, their dad helps them make a scarecrow. Discuss the steps involved in gardening with your little one after finishing this Early Reader. Ask them what vegetable they'd like to grow!

Author/Illustrator Spotlight

DAVID EZRA STEIN

Sometimes an author or illustrator has so many great titles, we wish we could name them all! This month, we want to highlight David Ezra Stein. Stein is both an author and a Caldecott Honor winning illustrator. His books are filled with joy and humor. Some titles address realistic childhood issues, from making friends to feeling anxious.



Beyond the Book!

Doing something on your own for the first time can be scary! But just like Mungo the fox, practicing these skills is a great way to build independence and confidence. You can practice while playing with your child, too! Is there a skill your child is working towards, like asking a librarian for help finding their favorite book series? Pretend to be the librarian while your child role plays asking for help. Take turns and let your child be the librarian, too!



Melissa Iwai's picture book features a block party filled with delicious dishes from various cultures. Chat with your child about your family's own food traditions. Do you have a favorite family recipe? Working together in the kitchen is a great way to build math skills, learn about doing things in order, AND create lasting memories. If your neighborhood held a block party, ask your child what food they'd want to bring to the shared table.

