

The Family Literacy Initiative

Monthly Literature Link Activities

September

Theme	Author	Book	Additional Ideas
School	Slate, J.	<u>Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready For Kindergarten</u>	Make a collage of school items. Make a Little Red Schoolhouse. (Write name of child's school on the front) Draw a picture for new teacher.
	Penn, A.	<u>The Kissing Hand</u>	
	Cohen, M.	<u>Will I have A Friend</u>	
	Caines, J.	<u>I Need A Lunchbox</u>	

October

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Fall	Rockwell, A.	<u>Apples and Pumpkins</u>	Make leaf prints. Go on a nature walk. Go apple or pumpkin picking. Make apple sauce. Sort and classify apples according to size, weight and color.
	Ehlert, L.	<u>Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf</u>	
	Maas, R.	<u>When Autumn Comes</u>	
	Good, E.	<u>Fall Is Here and I Love It!</u>	
	King, E.	<u>The Pumpkin Patch</u>	

November

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Thanksgiving	De Paola, T.	<u>The Popcorn Book</u>	Make butter. Make cranberry bread. Create Native American headbands and beaded necklaces. (identify patterns)
	Bunting, E.	<u>A Turkey For Thanksgiving</u>	
	Nicholisa, A.	<u>1,2,3 Thanksgiving</u>	
	Raphael, E. Bolognese, D.	<u>The Story Of The First Thanksgiving</u>	

December

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Winter	Brett, J. Keats, E. Martin, B.	<u>The Hat</u> <u>The Mitten</u> <u>The Snowy Day</u> <u>Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?</u>	Explore: Janbrett.com Ezra-jack-keates.org Sponge paint a snow scene, write winter words.

January

Theme	Author	Book	Additional Ideas
Foods	Numeroff, L. Sendak, M. Barrett, J.	<u>If You Give A Mouse A Cookie</u> <u>If You Give A Pig A Pancake</u> <u>If You Give A Moose A Muffin</u> <u>Two For Stew</u> <u>Chicken Soup With Rice</u> <u>Cloudy With A chance Of Meatballs</u>	Explore:Lauranumeroff.com Make: cookies, muffins, pancakes, chicken soup, meatballs. Write out recipes with children, allow them to measure and sort ingredients.

February

Theme	Author	Book	Additional Ideas
Love	Mc Bratney, S. Munsch, R. Melmed,L. K . Modell,F. Bond, F.	<u>Guess How Much I Love You</u> <u>Love You Forever</u> <u>I Love You As Much</u> <u>One Zillion Valentines</u> <u>Four Valentines In A Rainstorm</u>	Make valentines for loved ones, write a special message in each. Make a book titled... I Love ____ Because...

March

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Dr. Seuss	Dr. Seuss	<u>Green Eggs and Ham</u> <u>The Cat In The Hat</u> <u>Fox In Socks</u> <u>One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish</u> <u>Oh The Places You'll Go</u>	Make Dr. Seuss hats. Have a Green Eggs and Ham Breakfast. Make a fish color word book. Make a list of some rhyming words that correlate with each book.

April

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Spring/Insects	Carle, E.	<u>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</u> <u>The Very Busy Spider</u> <u>The Very Quiet Cricket</u> <u>The Grouchy Ladybug</u>	Make caterpillars with green paint, egg cartons, and pipe cleaners. Make spiders with a black painted paper plate and pipe cleaners and wiggle eyes.

May

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Animals	Barrett, J. Numeroff, L. Christelow, E.	<u>Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing</u> <u>Animals Should Definitely Not Act Like People</u> <u>Dogs Don't Wear Sneakers</u> <u>Five Little Monkeys Jumping On The Bed</u> <u>Five Little Monkeys Sitting In A Tree</u>	Graph favorite animals. Make clay animals with play dough and animal shaped cookie cutters. Role play, Five Little Monkeys. Visit a zoo.

June

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Weather	<p>Spier, P. Freeman, D.</p> <p>Gibbons, G. Shaw, C.</p> <p>De Paola, T.</p>	<p><u>Rain</u></p> <p><u>A Rainbow Of My Own</u></p> <p><u>Sun Up Sun Down</u></p> <p><u>It Looked Like</u></p> <p><u>Spilt Milk</u></p> <p><u>The Cloud Book</u></p>	<p>Graph weather patterns.</p> <p>Make windsocks: Staple a piece of paper at the ends to make a circle attach long strips of crepe paper to the circle.</p> <p>Replicate the sentence from It Looked Like Spilt Milk: Sometimes it looked like_____.</p>

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