

Sample Author Studies to Enhance Literacy

Author	Book	Art Center	Math	Writing	Cooking	Technology
<i>Eric Carle</i>	The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Make caterpillars out of egg cartons & green paint	Count caterpillar sections	"If I were a caterpillar, I would be hungry for..."	Gum drop caterpillars	www.eric-carle.com
<i>Eric Carle</i>	The Very Busy Spider	Make spiders out of paper plates, paint and black strips of paper	Add & subtract spider legs	"If I were a spider, I would be busy..."	Licorice spiders	www.eric-carle.com
<i>Laura Numeroff</i>	If You Give a Mouse a Cookie	Sponge paint mice	Cookie counting	"If you give a child an ice cream cone..."	Chocolate chip cookies	lauranumeroff.com
<i>Laura Numeroff</i>	If You Give a Pig a Pancake	Make paper plate pig using pink paint and pink construction paper	Teach Half, Whole and Quarter dividing pancake parts	"If you give a pig a pancake..."	Pancake breakfast	lauranumeroff.com
<i>Laura Numeroff</i>	If You Give a Moose a Muffin	Make a clay moose	Place the moose in order from largest to smallest	Write a story using words that begin with 'M'	Make muffins	lauranumeroff.com

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Margaret Wise-Brown	Big Red Barn	Paint a red barn	Create a barn using geometric shapes	"On the farm I like to..."	Make milk shakes	margaret wisebrown.com
Margaret Wise-Brown	Bumble Bee	Make bees out of pipe cleaners	Make patterns using yellow and black paper	"If I were a bumble bee, I would see..."	honey butter on bread	margaret wisebrown.com
Margaret Wise-Brown	Runaway Bunny	Make bunny rabbits out of cotton	Form pairs with bunny ears	"If I were a bunny, I would hop to..."	Peel carrots and eat carrot sticks	margaret wisebrown.com
Jan Brett	The Mitten	Make mitten out of felt and decorate	Place mittens in large basket, children will find pairs	"I wear mittens when..."	Hot chocolate	www.janbrett.com
Jan Brett	The Hat	Make hats out of construction paper	Add and subtract sets of hats on a felt board	"My favorite hat is..."	Hat cookies	www.janbrett.com
Jan Brett	Hedgies Surprise	Make a pinecone hedgehog	Count pinecones	"If I were a hedgehog..."	Make hedgehogs with melted chocolate and chinese noodles	www.janbrett.com

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Judith Barrett	Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs	Paint clouds with pastel paints	Count meatballs on a felt board	"If it rained meatballs I would..."	Make meatballs	N/A
Judith Barrett	Pickles to Pittsburgh	Make green pickles out of clay	Measuring the length of a variety of pickles	Pickles taste like ...	Pickle taste test sweet, sour, etc.	N/A
Audrey Penn	The Kissing Hand	Make raccoons out of colored felt	Counting raccoons	"I miss my Mom when..."	Make handprint cookies	N/A
Audrey Penn	Feathers and Fur	Make ducklings with yellow feathers	Count eggs in a nest	"If I were a cat, I would..."	Make nests out of chocolate, chinese noodles and jelly beans	N/A
Judith Vorst	Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day	Draw a picture of your worst day	Count the days on the calendar	"I had a bad day when..."	Make smiley face cookies	N/A
Judith Vorst	Alexander, Who Used To Be Rich Last Sunday	Coin rubbings	Count coins	"If I had a dollar..."	Make chocolate coins	N/A

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<i>Leo Lionni</i>	Fish is Fish	Make a fish out of macaroni on cardboard	Count the fish in the school	Children will write a letter from Fish to his friend Frog	Have Goldfish snacks	http://falcon.jmu.edu
<i>Leo Lionni</i>	Frederick	Make mice out of felt	Count the whiskers on the mouse	“What did Frederick do to get ready for winter? What do you do?”	Have different types of cheese	http://falcon.jmu.edu
<i>Leo Lionni</i>	Nicholas, Where Have You Been?	Paint a picture of a mouse and bird	Graph children’s favorite fruit	“What is your favorite food?”	Make fruit salad	http://falcon.jmu.edu
<i>Leo Lionni</i>	Six Crows	Make Scarecrows out of straw and construction paper	Graph the number of children who ate food that contained wheat	“How do you resolve you differences with others?”	Make homemade bread	http://falcon.jmu.edu
<i>Leo Lionni</i>	It’s Mine	Make a frog out of a paper plate and green construction paper	Create math problem on felt board, add frogs, flowers and butterflys	“Why is it important to share”	Share frog cupcakes	http://falcon.jmu.edu
<i>Leo Lionni</i>	Swimmy	Make a bulletin board of different fish types	Children will estimate how many plastic fish are in a clear container	“What did Swimmy do help the fish solve their problem?”	Make jello jellyfish in molds	http://falcon.jmu.edu