

Narrative Skills

Narrative skills include expressive language, being able to describe things, to tell events in order and retell stories.

- Books:**
- *Books with repeated phrases
 - *Books with repetition as part of the story
 - *Books that tell a cumulative tale
 - *Books with a sequence based in the natural world
 - *Any book!

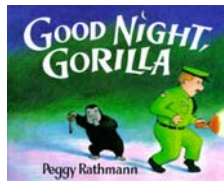
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by Lois Ehlert



Mister Seahorse
by Eric Carle

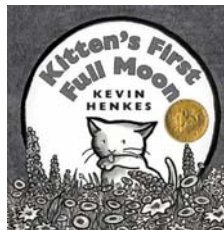


Goodnight Gorilla
by Peggy Rathman



Sleepyhead Bear
by Lisa Westburg Peters

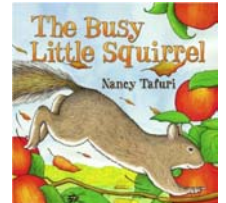
Kittens First Full Moon
by Kevin Henkes



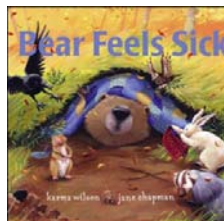
*Brown Bear Brown Bear
What Do You See and
others*
by Bill Martin

Goodnight Moon
by Margaret Wise Brown

Busy Little Squirrel by
Nancy Tafuri



Bear Feels Sick
by Karma Wilson



Wake Up, It's Spring
by Lisa Campbell Ernst

Mr. Cookie Baker and other
Monica Wellington books

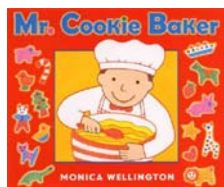
Daisy books
by Jane Simmons



One Dark Night
by Lisa Wheeler

If you See A Kitten by John
Butler

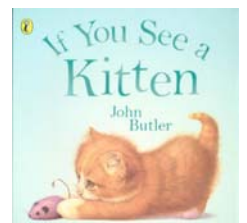
You and Me Little Bear and
other Martin Waddell books



Building a House
by Byron Barton

My Best Friend Bear
by Tony Johnston

The Napping House
by Audrey Wood

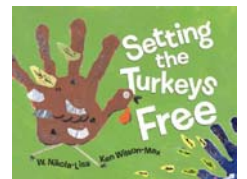


The Very Hungry Caterpillar
and many others by Eric Carle

My Best Friend Bear by
Tony Johnston

*I Went Walking and Let's Go
Visiting* by Sue Williams

Setting the Turkeys Free
by W. Nikola-Lisa



The Very Hungry Caterpillar
and many others by Eric Carle

Print Awareness

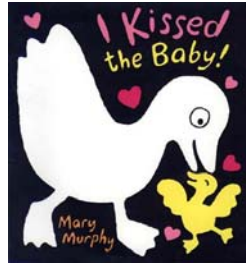
Print awareness includes knowing that print has meaning, knowing how to handle a book, being able to follow the words on a page, and noticing print all around.

Books: *Some books have writing as part of the story (A Splendid Friend, Indeed)

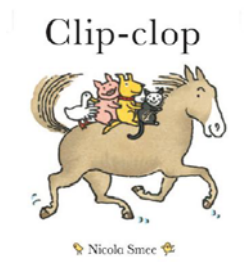
*Some books have written words as part of the story ("Hi, Pizza Man!")

*Any book helps develop print awareness

I Went Walking
by Sue Williams



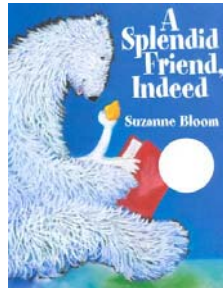
Clip-Clop!
by Nicola Smee



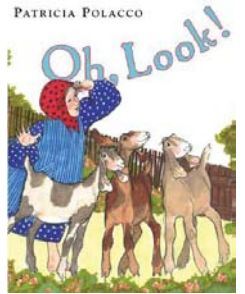
I Kissed the Baby
by Mary Murphy

Oh, Look!
by Patricia Polacco

*Brown Bear Brown Bear
What Do You See?*
by Bill Martin Jr.



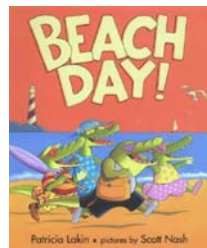
Five Little Chicks
by Nancy Tafuri



Freight Train
by Donald Crews

We're Rabbits!
by Lisa Westburg Peters

*Don't Let the Pigeon Drive
the Bus and others*
by Mo Willems



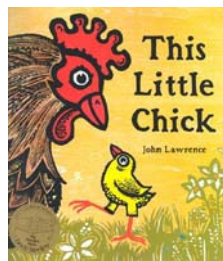
Hooray for Fish!
By Lucy Cousins



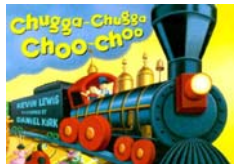
A Splendid Friend, Indeed
by Suzanne Bloom

*Chugga-Chugga Choo-
Choo*
by Kevin Lewis

Beetle Bop and others
by Denise Fleming



Yikes!
by Robert Florczyk



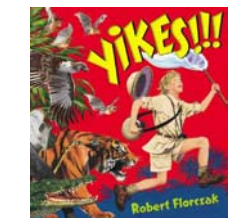
*Rainy Day! and Beach
Day!* by Patricia Lakin

I Stink
by Kate McMullan

This Little Chick
by John Lawrence

Snowballs
by Lois Ehlert

Busy Little Squirrel
by Nancy Tafuri

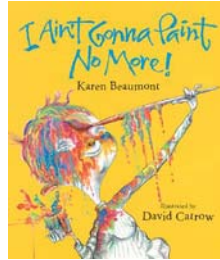


Phonological Awareness

Phonological Awareness is the ability to hear and play with the similar sounds in words.

- Books:**
- *Books with rhymes
 - *Books with sounds of animals and other things
 - *Songs in book format
 - *Books of Mother Goose rhymes
 - *Poetry books
 - *Any book

I Ain't Gonna Paint No More by Karen Beaumont



Bunny's Noisy Book by Lisa McCue



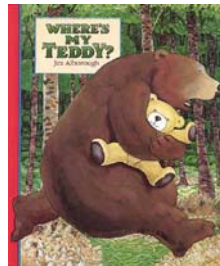
Rattletrap Car by Phyllis Root

Up Down and Around by Katherine Ayres

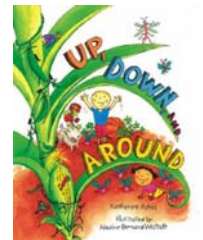
Time for Bed by Mem Fox

Dimity Duck by Jane Yolen

Where's My Teddy and many others by Jez Alborough



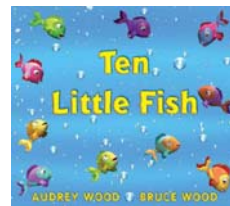
Kittens Kittens Kittens by Susan Meyers



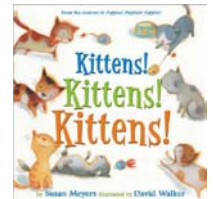
Ten Little Fish by Audrey Wood

Grumpy Gloria by Anna Dewdney

Yip Yap Snap by Charles Fuge



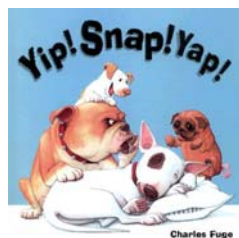
Songs in Book Format
Itsy Bitsy Spider and many others by Iza Trapani



Miss Polly Has a Dolly by Pamela Duncan Edwards

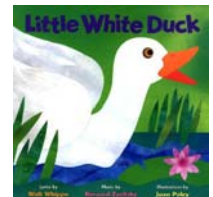
There Was an Old Lady who Swallowed a Fly by Simms Taback

So Many Bunnies by Rick Walton



Little White Duck by Shutta Crum

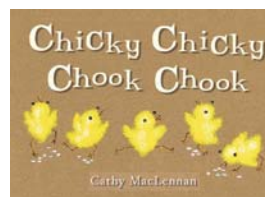
Off We Go by Jane Yolen



Big Red Barn by Margaret Wise Brown

Teddy Bears Picnic by Jimmy Kennedy (ill. by Michael Hague)

Chicky Chicky Chook Chook by Cathy MacLennan



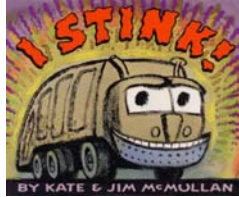
Jump Up by Dan Zanes

Letter Knowledge

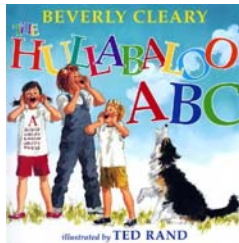
Letter knowledge is knowing that the same letter can look different, that letters have names and are related to sounds.

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- *Books with shapes
 - *Books where you have to find things
 - *Alphabet books
 - *Any books

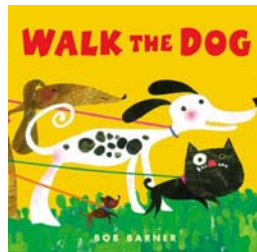
I Stink by Kate McMullan



Hullabaloo ABC
by Beverly Cleary



Walk the Dog by Bob Barner



Brown Rabbit's Shape Book
by Alan Baker

ABC Bunny by Wanda Gag



Kipper's A to Z
by Mick Inkpen

Black and White Rabbit's ABC
by Alan Baker

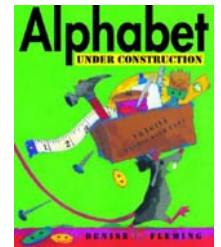
G is for Goat
by Patricia Pollacco

Mouse Shapes
by Ellen Stoll Walsh

Color Farm and others by
Lois Ehlert

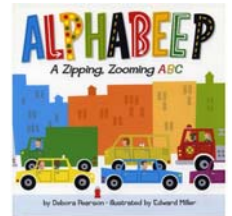
Bear in a Square by Stella
Blackstone

Alphabet Under Construction
by Denise Fleming



K is for Kittens
by Susan Jeffers

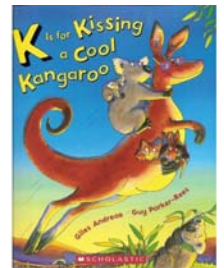
So Many Bunnies
by Rick Walton



B is for Bulldozer: A Construction ABC
by June Sobel

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom
by Bill Martin Jr.

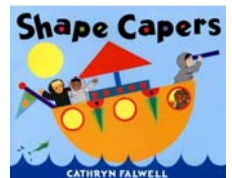
Old Black Fly
by Jim Aylesworth



Alphabeep
by Debora Pearson

K is for Kissing a Cool Kangaroo
by Andrea Giles

Alphabet House
by Nancy Wallace



Shape Capers
by Cathryn Falwell

Vocabulary

The more vocabulary children have, the easier it will be for them to understand what they are reading. Vocabulary is knowing the names of things, of feelings, concepts and ideas.

- Books:
- *Books with words not used in daily conversations
 - *Non-fiction books use different words than used in stories
 - *Any book

Dinosaur Roar
by Paul Stickland

The Napping House
by Audrey Wood

Fancy Nancy
by Jane O'Connor

My Car by Byron Barton

Inside Mouse Outside Mouse
by Lindsay Barrett George

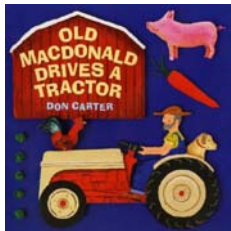
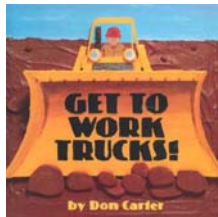
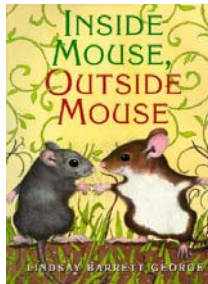
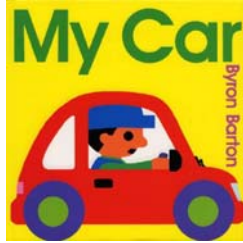
Get to Work Trucks
by Don Carter

Babies on the Go
by Linda Ashman

King Bidgood's in the Bathtub
by Audrey Wood

Road Builders
by B.G. Hennessey

Old MacDonald Drives a Tractor
by Don Carter



In the Snow
by Sharon Phillips
Denslow

Good Morning, Garden
by Barbara Brenner

Starry Safari
by Linda Ashman

Swimmy by Leo Lionni

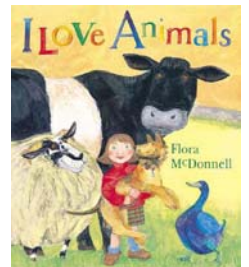
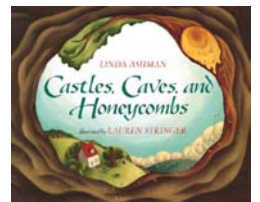
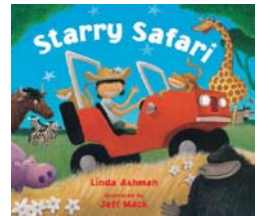
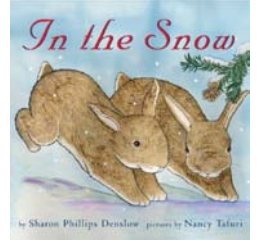
Castles, Caves and Honeycombs
by Linda Ashman

I Love Bugs
by Philemon Sturges

Time to Sleep
by Denise Fleming

I Love Animals
by Flora McDonnell

One Monday Morning
by Uri Shulevitz



Print Motivation

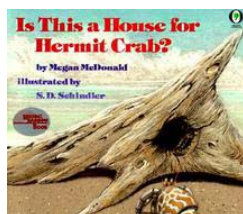
Print motivation is a child's interest in and enjoyment of books and reading.

- Books:
- * Choose books you enjoy
 - * Choose books the children enjoy
 - * Pop-Up books and pull the tab or lift the flap books

Here are some of our storytime favorites! We've chosen them because they are fun to read, have great illustrations and get great responses from the children and parents.

Cows in the Kitchen by June Crebbin

Is This a House for Hermit Crab?
by Megan McDonald



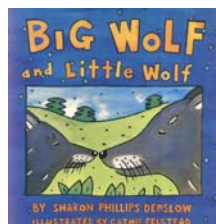
The Father Who Had Ten Children by Benedicte Guettier

The Rain Came Down by David Shannon



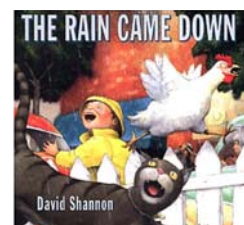
In the Rain With Baby Duck
and many other baby duck
books by Amy Hest

Big Wolf and Little Wolf by
Sharon Phillips Denslow



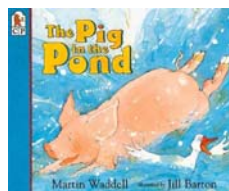
Kiss the Cow by Phyllis Root

Specialty Books:
Pop-Ups, Pull the Tabs,
Lift the Flaps and
Puzzle Books



Pig in the Pond by Martin Waddell

Kiss Goodnight and other
"Sam" books by Amy Hest



The Wide-Mouthed Frog
by Keith Faulkner



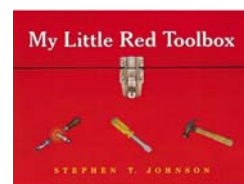
Bear Snores On and other
"Bear" books by Karma Wilson

Duck on a Bike by David Shannon



Jack, It's a Rainy Day
by Rebecca Elgar

My Little Red Toolbox
by Stephen T. Johnson



How Will we Get to the Beach?
by Brigitte Luciani

Pigs' Picnic by Keiko Kasza



Guess How Much I Love You by Sam McBratney

Maisy's Playhouse
by Lucy Cousins

Alphonse, Where are You? by
Linda Wilker

Puppet Shows Adapted from Children's Books

No Big Deal

Using puppets during your weekly storytime does not have to be a big deal! At Estes Park Public Library we don't use elaborate staging or scenery and we pare down ideas to what is absolutely necessary. A blanket thrown over a box can become a mountain, blue fabric a lake, green fabric a meadow, or white to represent snow. By performing puppet shows simply and right on a bench or long table in front of the children you will be encouraging children to do the same with their animals and blankets at home.

Narrative skills is one of the early literacy skills and making up puppet shows falls so well into that category.

It does not take a lot of effort to put together our shows, so we do use puppets each week in our storytimes and the children love it. They are always given the opportunity to play with the puppets after storytime.



Keep it simple

When choosing a story to adapt for storytime we think simplicity is best. Choose stories with a variety of strong, interesting characters (but not too many!) and a story that is easy to follow (often with a sequence). Dialogue should be kept to the point and there should be lots of opportunities for emotions and movement.

We've listed some of our favorite puppet shows that are adapted from books but don't forget to consider using puppets at other times. Sing songs, teach a concept, interact with the children, or introduce the story.

Believe in the puppet yourself, always watch your puppet and miraculously you can bring it to life! Have fun!

Friendship:

Hi Harry by Martin Waddell

Little Beaver and the Echo
by Amy MacDonald

Hairy MacClary and Zachary Quack by Lynley Dodd

A Splendid Friend Indeed
by Suzanne Bloom

The Knight and the Dragon
by Tomie DePaola

Insects:

Fiona's Bee by Beverly Keller (out of print) (bees)

The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle (spiders)

Books and Reading:

Three Billy Goats Gruff
Variation

Mr. Gumpy's Outing by John Burningham variation

Clothing:

Froggy Gets Dressed by Jonathan London

Something From Nothing by Phoebe Gilman

Old Lady Who was Not Afraid of Anything
by Linda Williams

Puppet Shows Adapted from Children's Books Continued

Animals:

The Cat who Wouldn't Come Inside by Cynthia Von Buhler (cats)

Bark George by Jules Feiffer (dogs)

How the Elephant Got its Trunk by Rudyard Kipling (elephants)

Seven Blind Mice by Ed Young (mice, elephants)

Mouse Count by Ellen Stoll Walsh (mice, snakes)

Little Rabbit Who Wanted Red Wings by Carolyn Sherwin Bailey (rabbits, birds)

Duck and Goose by Tad Hills (ducks and geese)

Little Frog's Song by Alice Schertle (frogs)

Concepts:

Wee Little Woman by Byron Barton (size)

Mouse Count by Ellen Stoll Walsh (counting)

Seven Blind Mice by Ed Young (learning)

Brown Bear Brown Bear What Do You See? by Bill Martin (colors)



Seasonal and Holidays:

Mouse and the Apple by Stephen Butler (fall)

Is Your Mama a Llama by Deborah Guarino (Mother's Day)

Old Lady Who was not Afraid of Anything by Linda Williams (Halloween)

Humbug Witch by Lorna Balian (Halloween)

A Kiss for Little Bear by Else Holmelund Minarik (Valentine's Day)

Alphonse Knows A Circle is not a Valentine by Werner Zimmermann (Valentine's Day)

Froggy Gets Dressed by Jonathan London (winter)

Mr. Rabbit and the Lovely Present by Charlotte Zolotow (birthdays/Mother's Day)

Ask Mr. Bear by Marjorie Flack (birthdays/Mother's Day)

Mother, Mother I Want Another by Maria Polushkin (Mother's Day)

Song for Little Toad by Vivian French (Mother's Day)

The Enormous Turnip (variation) by Tatiana Zunshine (gardening)

Time to Sleep by Denise Fleming (fall)

Food:

The Hungry Thing by Jan Slepian (a good rhyming story)

What's the Time Grandma Wolf? by Ken Brown

Gingerbread Man by Paul Galdone

King of Pizza by Sylvester Sanzari

Sittin on the Farm by Bob King (picnics)

Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss (variation)

Bedtime:

Song for Little Toad by Vivian French

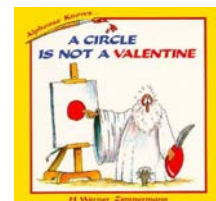
Mother, Mother, I Want Another by Maria Polushkin

Five Monkeys Jumping on the Bed by Eileen Christelow

Good Night Good Knight by Shelley Thomas

May We Sleep Here Tonight? by Yosuko Koide

The Bed Just So by Jeanne Hardendorff (out of print)



Song Lyrics:

“There’s a Cat Out in My Backyard”

a Shari Lewis song adaptation from *Lamb Chop’s Play-Along Action Songs*

There’s a **cat** out in my backyard (repeat)

Listen to the rhymes in this song

There’s a **cat** out in my backyard.

There’s a **cat** she’s kind of **fat** out in my backyard (repeat)

Listen to the rhymes in this song

There’s a **cat** she’s kind of **fat** out in my backyard.

There’s a **cat** she’s kind of **fat** sittin’ on a **mat** out in my backyard (repeat)

Listen to the rhymes in this song

There’s a **cat** she’s kind of **fat** sittin’ on a **mat** out in my backyard.

ADD: wearin’ a **hat**

I gave her a **pat**

she swung a **bat**

And **that** is **that!**

“Fishing”

(bear puppet teaches little ones how to catch a fish)

Take a hook and line, a sinker and a **pole**

A minnow or a worm, and find a fishing **hole**

And if you feel a bite, just close your eyes and **wish**

Reel in the line and you’ve caught a **fish!**

Other verses:

If you feel a bite, you’ve got to have a **plan**

Reel in the line and you’ve caught a **can!**

If you feel a bite, here’s what you should **do**

Reel in your line and you’ve caught a **shoe!**

If you feel a bite, when your fishin’ in your **boat**

Reel in your line and you’ve caught a **coat!**

If you feel a bite when you’re fishin’ when it’s **sunny**

Reel in your line and you’ve caught a **bunny!**

If you feel a bite when you’re fishin’ in the **lake**

Reel in your line and you’ve caught a **snake!**

(bear is upset when he catches all the above so sings the first verse of the song and catches the biggest fish ever!)



Apple Pie Chant (or pumpkin or jellybean)...use drum

Apple **pie**, apple **pie**; if I don't get some I'm really gonna **cry**

Give away the green grass and give away the **sky** but don't give away my apple **pie**.

Apple **sauce**, apple **sauce**; if I don't get some I'll be real **cross**

Give away the secretary, give away the **boss** but don't give away my apple **sauce**.

Apple **butter**, apple **butter**; if I don't get some I'll lay down in the **gutter**.

Give away my daddy and give away my **mutter** but don't give away my apple **butter**.

Apple **cake**, apple **cake**; if I don't get some I'll shiver and I'll **shake**

Give away the hoe and give away the **rake** but don't give away my apple **cake**.

Early Literacy Resources

Books:

- *Early Literacy Storytimes @ Your Library* by Saroj Ghoting and Pamela Martin Diaz
- *How to Do "The Three Bears" with Two Hands: Performing with Puppets* by Walter Minkel-
- *The Sound of Storytime* by Tiara Dixon: Two veterans of library storytime provide clear, easy-to-follow directions for 42 road-tested programs. Music is central to this collection, with the seven sections arranged by bells, rhythm sticks, sand blocks, and other easy-to-play instruments.

Websites:

*www.earlylit.net This is Saroj Ghoting's site and if you click "Early Literacy" you'll find a wealth of information including:

Early Literacy in Storytimes
Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library Scripts
Booklists and Activity Sheets (Any Book, Any Skill bookmarks!)
Library Websites: links from their homepage to the early literacy information

***ELSIE: Early Literacy Storytime Ideas Exchange** (Minneapolis Public Library)
www.mpls.lib.mn.us

Then search their site for ELSIE
Each of the 6 early literacy skills are featured. Click on each of the skills to read more about them. Then search for great literacy-rich activities and books. Check out the reading tips provided by Youth Services librarians from the Minneapolis Public Library.

*Ten Read-Aloud Commandments:

www.memfox.com/ten-read-aloud-commandments.html Great to include in your newsletters!

*Minnesota Storytime: Minnesota Storytime is a **collection of reading guides**.

www.minnesotahumanities.org/Literacy/library.htm

***Grow Up Reading:** www.growupreading.org (West Bloomfield Township, MI) Lots of information for babies-second grade. Check out their "Counting the Days to Kindergarten": a years worth of activities to help prepare children for a successful kindergarten experience.

*Songs For Teaching:

www.songsforteaching.com

This is a GREAT resource for songs promoting early literacy skills. The site includes lyrics, sound clips and teaching suggestions.

Check out especially:

Songs for Building Phonological Awareness and Songs that Teach the Alphabet and Individual Letter Sounds

Favorite Music CD's for storytimes:

Hap Palmer CD's and DVD's. The short songs work well for thematic storytimes

Frank Leto's CD's

Katherine Dines' Hunk-Ta-Bunk-Ta CD's
"The Curiosity Shop" with **Stephanie Burton** (Gingerbread Man Song)

DVD: Lots of **Daniel Cook** episodes are perfect for storytime...check out Daniel Cook Visits the Fire Station, Makes Apple Pie.

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