

Kid's Korner

September 2011

Almost every day of the year has been designated a 'special' day. So in addition to the usual holidays, here are a few that you may not have heard of-enjoy!

September 8th is International Literacy Day



- Do a field trip to the library
- Get a library card
- Set up a library for dramatic play-children take turns being the librarian and checking out books. Make library cards for each of the children. Have book bags and a 'Quiet Please' sign!
- Make books with the children-fold two pieces of paper in half, children colour/draw and dictate their story for you to write down, be sure to read the books after
- Make a reading corner, soft pillows or bean bag chairs, baskets of books or a low shelf, a few soft snuggly toys...
- Do talk about and show the children how to handle a book respectfully i.e. how to turn the pages carefully and to let you know if a page is accidentally torn

BUTTON BOOKMARKS

Simply cut lengths of ribbon (these are 12 to 14 inches long, to fit a standard-size hardcover book), then attach buttons to the ends using tacky glue or a glue gun.

Shown here are just a few of the decorating options: sandwiching the ribbon's ends between two buttons; stacking smaller atop larger buttons; and grouping several small buttons in a pattern.



FUN FOAM BOOKMARKS

1. Cut 2" x 10" strips of Fun Foam for base of bookmark. Cut additional shapes, such as face or star. Use decorative scissors if desired.
 2. Glue shapes to one end of strip. Decorate shapes with markers, movable eyes, pompom nose, yarn and hair.
- Extension:* Write names of books you've read on base strip.



FRUGAL BOOK MARK IDEA...

You know the OLD PAINT CHIP CARDS you used when you were trying to decide what color to paint? They can be turned into great book marks (gift tags too)...Put a hole in them with a hole punch, string ribbon through them! You now have great book marks!



International Eat an Apple Day Sept 17th

Celebrate the return of fall by digging into a nice, crisp juicy apple.



Did you know we have a mini-theme kit on apples for you to borrow from our CCRR resource library?



Apple Smiles Cut a red apple into slices. (these are the lips) Have child spread peanut butter or cream cheese on apple slice. Place mini marshmallows (these are the teeth) on top of peanut butter and top with other apple slice.

Easy Apple Dip

- 1 carton caramel apple dip (in the produce area)
- 2 small cartons of vanilla yogurt
- Crumbled walnuts, handful
- Mix the caramel and yogurt well, top with walnuts. Serve with apple slices.

Oct 13 National Bring Your Teddy to Work/School

Button Teddy Bears: cut out bear shapes from white construction paper. Have children paint brown. When dry, let them glue on buttons for eyes and nose.

Coffee Ground Bears: cut bear shapes out of brown construction paper, children place white glue where they want the eyes, nose, paws, heart... and sprinkle coffee grounds over the glue.



Pocket for Corduroy Give each child 1/2 of a piece of construction paper. Cut out u-shaped pockets from cloth. Help the child glue around the sides and bottom of the pocket, and glue it to the construction paper. Do Not Glue the Top. Then after it dries, place something in the pocket, and pull it out.

World Egg Day 14th October 2011!

Celebrate the day-eat eggs—boiled eggs, scrambled eggs, poached eggs, fried eggs on toast, even French toast, (because obviously that has eggs in it) for breakfast. For lunch and dinner you can eat eggs in salad, egg-salad-sandwich, or any of the above breakfast options if you would like.

The proteins contained within eggs are highly important in the development of the brain and muscles, have a key role to play in disease prevention and contribute to well being in later life, particularly in relation to eyesight (avoiding macular degeneration).

The Egg-citing Egg Experiment

This is a great experiment and totally amazes the children. You will need:

4 eggs

1 egg carton

A sheet of paper (paper towels, wax paper)

A 2 foot stack of hardback books that are about the same size and weight (old encyclopedias work well)



Now place the eggs in the **second and fifth row** of the egg carton with the pointy part of the egg facing down. Place a sheet of paper over the eggs in case of breakage. Now here comes the egg-citing part. Begin to put the books on one at a time. You might be able to place nine encyclopedias on top of the four eggs.

Why it works: The eggs shape-two dome shapes pushed together-makes it resistant to compression (in other words, a force pressing inward). That's why a mother bird can sit on her eggs without breaking them. On the other hand, eggs and other dome shapes are weak in tension, a force pressing outward, so that a baby bird can easily peck its way out when hatching. Of course, an egg is easily broken from the outside if a strong force is applied in one spot."

You don't have to give the children this explanation. It's might be enough for them to see how strong the egg is and how a mother bird can sit on her eggs and they don't break. Have fun!

Bat Craft - Finger Puppet

Bats are familiar figures when the leaves start to turn and Halloween is just around the corner. Young children will enjoy learning about bats by making this fun bat craft and singing the bat song.



Use a white pencil to trace the bat shape onto black construction paper and cut out. Cut a strip of craft paper and staple or tape one end to the back of the bat. Push strip a little bit together to make a loop and staple the other end of the strip to the bat. Let children slide a finger through the loop to play with their bat puppets. Sing the following song together:

Bats Are Sleeping

(Tune: Frere Jacques)

Bats are sleeping,
Bats are sleeping,
Upside down,
Upside down.
Sleeping in the morning.
Waiting for the night to come.
To fly around.
To fly around.

Bat Chips

Using a bat shaped cookie cutter, cut flour tortillas into bat shapes. Lightly brush both sides of each bat shape with oil. Place tortilla shapes on cookie cutter and place in oven. Broil, flipping chips once when they begin to brown. When brown on both sides, sprinkle lightly with salt or a mixture of cinnamon and sugar.

Place one teaspoon vinegar and a cup of water in a bowl with several drops of selected food coloring. Place pumpkin seeds in the solution. Stir, then spread on paper towel to dry. These can be used for counting, art, etc.

Make Halloween noisemakers. Give each child two pie tins with holes punched around both edges. Assist the children in putting dry pumpkin seeds (or beans or rice) in them and lacing the tins together with yarn.

