

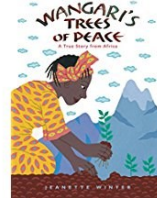
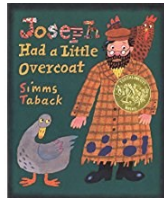
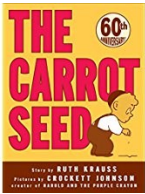


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# The Be **READY** Rover Review

April's Storytime Theme: **Earth Day!**

**READ**



*The Carrot Seed* by Ruth Krauss    *If a Tree Could Talk* by Rozanne Williams    *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat* by Simms Taback    *Wangari's Trees of Peace* by Jeanette Winter

We try to achieve the 6 early literacy skills - **Print Motivation, Print Awareness, Letter Knowledge, Vocabulary, Phonological Awareness** ( such as rhyming words), and **Narrative Skills** – by including 5 basic activities in our lesson plans: **TALK, SING, READ, WRITE, PLAY.**

**TALK**

How do plants and trees grow? We get food and water and air from the earth. How can we take care of the earth? What can **you** do to help take care of the earth?

**SING**

Song: **Inch by Inch**: "Inch by inch, row by row, gonna make this garden grow. Gonna mulch it deep and low, gonna make it fertile ground. Inch by Inch, row by row, please bless these seeds I sow. Please keep them safe below till the rain comes tumbling down." We listened to the song, "Joseph Had a Little Overcoat", while I demonstrated how the coat was recycled by cutting a paper copy of the coat. The children helped retell Wangari's story by placing magnetic tree cut-outs to cover the magnetic board. We also looked at items that come from the forests of the world.

**PLAY**

The children were each given a construction paper tree trunk, and a piece of contact paper in the shape of the crown of the tree. They attached the trunk, then tore pieces of green tissue paper and pressed them to the contact paper to make the leaves..

**WRITE**

## MORE IDEAS for Earth Day!

**Plant a lima bean** in a glass or clear plastic jar. Place it up against the side of the container so the children can watch the amazing germination process!

**Seedbed in a Bag**; Place a damp paper towel in a Ziploc bag. Put the same kind of seed in each bag (beans, radishes, peas, etc.). Place where the heat is near 70 degrees. Watch them grow! (No need to add water if the bag is sealed). In 2-3 weeks, transplant seedlings to soil.

**Demonstrate recycling** by working together to turn throwaway items such as boxes, paper towel tubes, food containers, lids, styrofoam pieces, junk mail, old magazines, pill bottles, etc. into toys or a play city.

**What comes from the earth?** Cut a paper plate in half, paint it brown, and staple it to a whole plate. Make or cut out pictures of various root vegetables (carrots, potatoes, radishes, turnips, etc), and put them in the paper plate "pocket" with just the green tops showing. Let children "pull up" some produce!



## SUPER EASY SPRING CRAFTS



Use an empty water bottle; dip the cap into paint.



Paper Plate Flowers



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