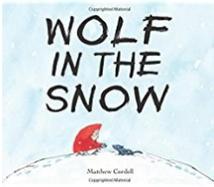


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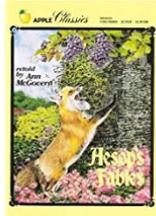
The Be **READY** Rover Review

December's Storytime Theme: **Kindness and Caring**

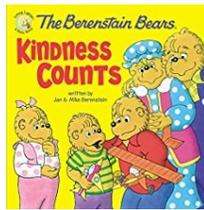
READ



Wolf in the Snow
By Matthew Cordell



Aesop's Fables
retold by Ann McGovern



Kindness Counts
Jan and Mike Berenstain

TALK

During this time of the year we show that we care by giving gifts. What can you do to be kind to someone else?

SING

We acted out 2 songs: *I'm a Little Snowman* (Sung to the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot"); "I'm a little snowman, round and fat. Here is my scarf, here is my hat. Pebbles for my buttons, carrot nose—made of snow from head to toes." And **Clap Your Hands**; "Clap your hands, touch your toes. Turn around and touch your nose. Flap your arms, stretch up high, wiggle your fingers, and reach for the sky!"

PLAY

We acted out the Aesop Fable—*The Ant and the Dove*, using an ant and a dove puppet, and props.

WRITE

The children made a reindeer picture (to give to a loved one or to keep), from pre-cut shapes: triangle, circles, rectangles and an oval. They attached the shapes to construction paper using glue sticks, used color coding dots for eyes and nose, then added snow by dotting the paper with glue and pressing small white circles into the glue,

MORE IDEAS for Kindness and Caring

A child's artwork is a perfect gift for his or her parents and loved ones!

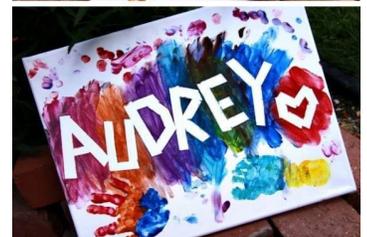
Give the children an outline of a seasonal symbol, and then ask them to find pictures of certain colors (green for a Christmas tree, blue and white for a Star of David, red, green and black for Kwanza candles). Let them cut out the colors and cut or tear into small squares, and use glue sticks to attach them and fill in the outline. Let them add color-coded stickers or other stickers for ornaments.

Now the Be **READY** Rover has plenty of big hardwood blocks to lend out. Playing with blocks teaches math and physics concepts, encourages creative problem-solving and the imagination, and develops social skills. Here's another way blocks can be useful; On Kraft paper, trace around the blocks with **PENCIL (please!)** then go over the pencil lines with a marker. Let the children match the blocks to their shapes..



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.**

Gift Art



Use 1/2- inch masking tape to make the children's names, then let them paint over or color with markers. When dry, peel off the tape.



Paint with a fork for a nice pine needle look. Ornaments can be added with dot markers, stickers, or Q-tips with paint.

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