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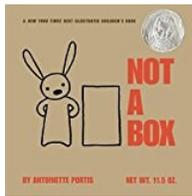
March's Storytime Theme: **Use Your Imagination!**

READ



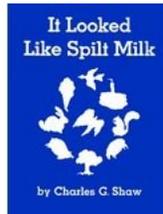
Kite Day

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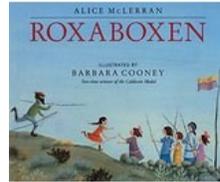
Not a Box

by Antoinette Portis



It Looked Like Spilt Milk

by Charles G. Shaw



Roxaboxen

by Barbara Cooney

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

If you had a big empty box, what would you do with it? What could you pretend it was? Do you ever look at clouds, and imagine that they are people or animals?

SING

While listening to “Let’s Go Fly A Kite”, (from “Mary Poppins”) the children threw an activity scarf up into the air and tried to catch it , whenever they heard the word “up”.

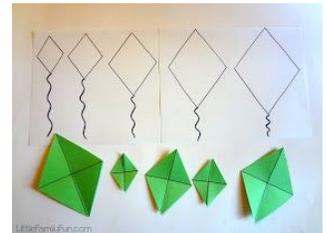
PLAY

We created funny monster puppets by assembling the parts in different ways, then imagined what kind of a personality each monster would have, prompted by questions such as “ Is he/she mean or kind? Loud or quiet? Brave or timid? Serious or silly?”

WRITE

The children made their own unique paper bag puppets, choosing pre-cut shapes and using a glue stick to attach them. They each gave their creation a name, and decided what their puppet was like, by answering questions about the puppet’s likes and dislikes.

Quickie Kite Puzzle



Water Beads

Seek and Find

MORE IDEAS for Use Your Imagination!

Sensory Bottles/AKA “Calming Bottles” are helpful distractions when babies or toddlers are fussing, and also stimulate the imagination. Google “sensory bottles”, or check Pinterest, for *lots* of variations. Here are 4 bottles I have tried: **TIPS:** VOSS water bottles are best. Remove the labels *very slowly* to avoid glue residue. Large sequin shapes add interest.

Ocean in a Bottle 1- Fill water bottle 3/4 full with water. Add 2 oz. blue glitter glue + a few drops of food coloring or liquid watercolor paint, and SHAKE. Drop in small sea animals, sea-shells, etc. Top up with baby oil. Seal cap with hot glue or super glue.

Ocean in a Bottle 2- Fill bottle 1/3 full with water. Add a few drops of food coloring or watercolors, add loose glitter and shake. Top up with oil (baby or vegetable). Hot glue cap on.

Water Beads Bottle- Put water beads (tiny beads that expand in water– find in a toy dept. or in a craft store with floral supplies- in a container of cold water. Let them expand for 6 hours. Fill a bottle 1/2 full with water, add 2 oz. glitter glue, SHAKE, then add water beads, and baby oil. Hot glue cap.

Seek and Find Bottle- Fill bottle with uncooked rice and small interesting items, to about 1 & 1/2 inches from the top. Hot glue the cap on. If you make a list of the items, you can challenge the children to seek and find everything on the list.



Ocean in a Bottle

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