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PICTURE BOOK AWARD

Bear Sees Colors
By Karma Wilson
Illustrated by Jane Chapman

Related Books:
The Very Cranky Bear by Nick Bland
Dog’s Colorful Day: a Messy Story about Colors and Counting by Emma Dodd
I Spy on the Farm by Edward Gibbs
A Color of His Own by Leo Lionni
I Dream of an Elephant by Ami Rubinger
Mix It Up! by Hervé Tullet
Press Here by Hervé Tullet
Bear Wants More by Karma Wilson, illustrated by Jane Chapman
Mouse Paint by Ellen Stoll Walsh
Baby Bear Sees Blue by Ashley Wolff
My Blue is Happy by Jessica Young, illustrated by Catia Chien

Songs or Rhymes:

“Two little blackbirds”

Two little blackbirds, sitting on a hill, (Hold up two hands, fingers spread)
One named Jack, (Flap fingers on one hand)
one named Jill. (Flap fingers on other hand)
Fly away Jack. (Bring one hand behind back)
Fly away Jill. (Repeat with other hand)
Come back Jack. (Jack flies back out,)
Come back Jill. (Jill flies out)
“If You’re Wearing Red” See the Learning Station version: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dxN2pkWvBHI

“Mary Wore Her Red Dress” Raffi https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oj_FbuNpbgE

Activities:

Color Bingo

Make a game board by dividing a sheet of white paper into nine rectangle sections and coloring each rectangle a different color. Color nine index cards the same colors as the game board, one for each color. As you draw color cards at random, say the color name. Your child can mark that space on the game board with a marker - a coin, a cotton ball, or a small piece of paper. When you get three in a row, you win!

http://thelibrary.org/racingtoread/age-group.cfm?agegroupid=50&setid=145

No-Mess Painting

Use quart-sized zip-lock bag, washable finger paint, gallon sized zip-lock bag, and packing tape.

Put washable finger paint in quart sized bag. Get the air out and seal bag and add tape. Put quart size bag in gallon sized bag and tape to table. Let the no-mess painting begin. Two different colors can be added to a bag to show how colors can be mixed together to make a new color.
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“Carpenter’s Song” (tune: “The Mulberry Bush”)
This is the way we pound our nails, pound our nails, pound our nails,
This is the way we pound our nails, so early in the morning.
Additional verses: Saw our wood, Stack the bricks, Paint the walls

“Johnny’s Hammer”
Johnny works with one hammer,
One hammer, 1 hammer,
Johnny works with 1 hammer,
Then he works with two.
(Hammer one fist lightly on leg)
2... Two hammers
(Hammer both fists on legs)
3... Three hammers
(Hammer both fists on legs and one foot on the floor)
4... Four hammers
(Hammer both fists on legs and both feet on the floor)
5. Johnny works with five hammers,
Five hammers, five hammers,
Johnny works with five hammers
(Hammer both fists on legs, both feet on floor, and nod head down and up)
Then he goes to sleep.
(Rest head on joined palms, pretending to go to sleep)

Music:
“John Deere Crazy About Big Truck Songs!” Produced and arranged by Steve Elkins

Activities:
Shape Construction--Cut basic shapes from sponges, i.e. circles, squares, rectangles, triangles.
Give each child some sponge shapes, paint and paper and let the children construct a building
by dipping the sponges in the paint and pressing on paper.

Buried Treasure--Fill recycled plastic water bottles or fruit drink bottles ¾ full with sand or rice.
Drop small “treasures” (nuts or bolts, small plastic animals, shiny sequins, anything that will fit
through the mouth of the bottle). Screw on cap tightly. Use duct tape to secure the cap. Have
child shake the bottle and look for the buried treasure in the bottle.

Three Little Pigs
Tell the story of the Three Little Pigs. Use puppets or flannel pieces. Give each child a piece of
construction paper with simple line drawings of 3 houses. Each child gets a small pile of straw,
sticks – use twigs collected from outdoors or popsicle sticks, and a small pile of “bricks” – we
used red fun foam cut into small rectangles. Children glue straw, sticks and bricks onto their
houses.
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Buddy and the Bunnies in: Don’t Play With Your Food
By Bob Shea

Related Books:
My Friend Bear by Jez Alborough
Fran’s Friend by Lisa Bruce
Oliver’s Tree by Kit Chase
Rex Wrecks It by Ben Clanton
Let’s Do Nothing by Tony Fucile
Big Little Elephant by Valeri Gorbachev
Katie Loves the Kittens by John Himmelman
Cowboy Bunnies by Christine Loomis
Sally and the Some-Thing by George O’Connor
The Patterson Puppies and the Rainy Day by Leslie Patricelli
Hop Plop! by Corey Schwartz Rosen
Is Everyone Ready for Fun? by Jan Thomas
Leonardo the Terrible Monster by Mo Willems

Rhymes:
“Five Good Friends”
Five good friends playing on a sunny day,
One had to take a nap,
Leaving only four to play.
Four good friends playing basketball,
One had to leave when her mother gave a call.
Three good friends tried to climb a tree,
One went home when he scraped his knee.
Two good friends making a mud pie,
One went home when he got mud in his eye.
Only one child playing all alone,
There was a clap of thunder (clap) and she ran home.

Songs:
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“The More We Get Together”
The more we get together,
Together, together;
The more we get together,
The happier we’ll be!
Cause your friends are my friends,
And my friends are your friends;
The more we get together,
The happier we’ll be!
*Make it active:* The more we jump together, clap together, stomp together, roar together, etc.

“We are Monsters” from *Bouncy Blue* by Mr. Eric & Mr. Michael, the Learning Groove
http://www.thelearninggroove.com/#!/we-are-monsters/c1t2w

“Sheep Sleeping Bunnies” from *Zoom Zoom Cuddle and Croon* by Kathy Reid-Naiman

*Activities:*
Pre-cut paper chain people (or monsters) (or bunnies) and let children color and decorate them as friends.

Make a paper bag “Buddy” monster, and feed him paper scraps so that he doesn’t get hungry and eat his friends. When Buddy is full, you can recycle him! http://www.parents.com/fun/arts-crafts/kid/earth-day-crafts/?socsrc=pmmpin140327crecyclingcritter&crlt.pid=camp.DKLkikQ69Tqe#page=5

Collaborate on an art project – make a mural of Buddy and the bunnies – each child can add a handprint bunny to the picture. http://www.craftymorning.com/bunny-rabbit-handprint-craft-kids-easter-idea/

Try friendship painting: have children pair up, each holding an end of a box lid in which you place paper, then finger paint and a ball or two. They can manipulate the box to make the ball roll (and the paint go) wherever they want it to roll. http://blog.theconnectionweshare.com/craft-activities-ideas-for-kids/friendship-craft-for-kids/
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Down by the Barn
Written and illustrated by Will Hillenbrand

Related Books:
Big Red Barn by Margaret Wise Brown
Driving My Tractor by Jan Dobbins
On the Farm by David Elliott
Down by the Station by Will Hillenbrand
Rosie’s Walk by Pat Hutchins
Punk Farm by Jarrett J. Krosoczka
Down on the Farm by Merrily Kutner & Will Hillenbrand
Farm Tractors on the Move by Kristin L. Nelson

Rhymes:
Jack and Jill (traditional nursery rhyme)

Songs:
“Down by the Station” print lyrics and listen to song:

Oh, the tractor on the farm goes ‘round and ‘round, ‘Round and ‘round, ‘round and ‘round.
Oh, the tractor on the farm goes ‘round and ‘round, All around the farm.

Oh, the cow on the farm goes, moo, moo, moo,
Moo, moo, moo, moo, moo, moo.
Oh, the cow on the farm goes, moo, moo, moo,
All around the farm.

Continue with other farm animals and farm objects.

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“Bumping Up and Down in My Little Red Wagon”
Bumping up and down in my little red wagon,
Bumping up and down in my little red wagon,
Bumping up and down in my little red wagon,
Up and down we’re having fun.

Swaying side to side in my little red wagon, (repeat 2 more times)
Side to side we’re having fun.

Rocking back and forth in my little red wagon, (repeat 2 more times)
Back and forth we’re having fun.

Hey-ho in my little red wagon (repeat 2 more times)
Riding around and having fun.

Raffi version on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c3F4m3idaa8
Learning Groove version: http://www.thelearninggroove.com/#!/little-red-wagon/cxaf

“Old MacDonald Had a Farm”
“The Wheels on the Bus”

Activities:
Act out the story. Assign children to play each of the animals. Anyone left could play the children getting off the bus.

Play “The Farmer in the Dell.” Instructions may be found at http://www.dltk-teach.com/rhymes/farmer/song.htm

The Activity Idea Place has preschool and kindergarten lesson plans for Farm: http://www.123child.com/lessonplans/animals/farm.php

Make farm animals out of paper plates. Instructions for pig, cow and sheep: http://www.livingonalatte.com/2012/07/paper-plate-farm-animals.html?spref=fb

Farm animal craft activities from DLTK kids http://www.dltk-kids.com/animals/farm.html

*Jean Warren’s farm theme suggestions:
http://www.preschoolexpress.com/theme_station07/the-farm-sep07.shtml
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Hooray for Hat
by Brian Won

Related Books:
The Hat by Jan Brett
Olive and the Embarrassing Gift by Tor Freeman
I Want My Hat Back by Jon Klassen
This is Not My Hat by Jon Klassen
Ten Cats Have Hats: A counting book by Jean Marzolo
Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina

Songs:
“The Hat Song”
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WFRhJmReFaU

“Make New Friends”
Submitted by Sue Lynch to http://www.scoutsongs.com/lyrics/makenewfriends.html
Make new friends,
but keep the old.
One is silver,
the other is gold.
A circle is round,
it has no end.
That's how long,
I will be your friend.
Example of tune (up to :20) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yoNOW8jeFXs

“I Got a Hat” by The Learning Station
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rGMRKsGkgec

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Activities:

Act out the story. Assign children to play each of the animals. You may have them do it in groups (For example, your story can have three elephants).

Create a flannel board and let student bring the hats to you.
Example: [http://lalalalibrary.blogspot.com/2015/01/apparently-formatting-is-not-my-friend.html](http://lalalalibrary.blogspot.com/2015/01/apparently-formatting-is-not-my-friend.html)

Design their own hats using page from Jan Brett’s website: [http://janbrett.com/design_your_own_hat.htm](http://janbrett.com/design_your_own_hat.htm)


Create hats from rolled papers, dot stampers, and ribbon: [http://padlet.com/chazley_dotson/fjsx02duziuf/wish/43413952](http://padlet.com/chazley_dotson/fjsx02duziuf/wish/43413952)
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I’m My Own Dog
By David Ezra Stein

Related Books:
Spike: Ugliest Dog in the Universe by Debra Frasier
Dogs by Emily Gravett
Oh No, George! by Chris Haughton
Shoe Dog by Megan McDonald, illustrated by Katherine Tillotson
My Neighbor is a Dog by Isabel Minhós Martins, illustrated by Madalena Matoso
Dog Breath by Dav Pilkey
Good Boy, Fergus! by David Shannon
If You Were a Dog by Jamie Swenson, illustrated by Christopher Raschka
The Doghouse by Jan Thomas
Me & Dog by Gene Weingarten, illustrated by Eric Shansby
Harry, the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion, illustrated by Margaret Bloy Graham

Rhymes:
“Some Dogs Bark”
Some dogs bark.
Some dogs growl.
Some dogs yip.
Some dogs howl.
Some dogs wiggle their tails!

Songs:
“Oh Where Oh Where Has My Little Dog Gone”
Oh where, oh where has my little dog gone?
Oh where, oh where can he be?
With his ears cut short and his tail cut long
Oh where, oh where can he be?

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“This Old Man”
This old man, he played one,
He played knick-knack on my thumb;
With a knick-knack paddywhack,
Give a dog a bone,
This old man came rolling home.
(continue counting up to ten)
One version available on Kidsongs http://www.kidsongs.com/lyrics/this-old-man.html

“B-I-N-G-O”
There was a farmer had a dog,
And Bingo was his name-o.
B-I-N-G-O!
B-I-N-G-O!
B-I-N-G-O!
And Bingo was his name-o!

“If I Were a Dog” from Pick Me! Pick Me! by Jim Cosgrove

“I Have a Dog and His Name is Rags” One version can be found at
http://wiki.kcls.org/index.php/I_Have_a_Dog_and_His_Name_is_Rags

Activities:
Who Took my Bone? – Using felt, or puppets, create animals you would find at the zoo. Use these animals to highlight the ___ in this rhyme:

Doggy, doggy, where’s your bone?
Someone took it from your home.
It wasn’t me.
It wasn’t you.
Was it the _______ at the zoo?

Doggie Yoga – Highlight a few yoga poses with dog names such as downward facing dog, puppy and upward facing dog.

Doggie Dance Party! – Let the participants dance their sillies out to “Who Let the Dogs Out” by Baha Men or some other dog themed song (“You Ain’t Nothin’ But a Hound Dog” for example).
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Naked!
By Michael Ian Black
Illustrated by Debbie Ridpath Ohi

Related Books:
- My Grandfather’s Coat retold by Jim Aylesworth, illustrated by Barbara McClintock
- Chicken Cheeks by Michael Ian Black, illustrated by Kevin Hawkes
- Mr. Tiger Goes Wild by Peter Brown
- A Wonderful Year by Nick Bruel (Part One, “Winter Wear”)
- Ella Sarah Gets Dressed by Margaret Chodos-Irving
- One Big Pair of Underwear by Laura Gehl, illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld
- No David! by David Shannon
- Little Mouse Gets Ready by Jeff Smith
- Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed by Mo Willems
- Bear Gets Dressed: A Guessing Game Story by Harriet Ziefert, illustrated by Arnold Lobel

Songs and Rhymes:
I’m Getting Dressed Myself” (Sung to “The Farmer in the Dell”)

I’m Getting Dressed Myself,
I’m Getting Dressed Myself,
Hi-ho, the derry-o,
I’m Getting Dressed Myself

(additional verses)
I’m putting on my shirt...
I’m putting on my dress...
I’m putting on my pants...
I’m putting on my socks...
I’m putting on my shoes...

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“That’s What’s Best About Getting Dressed” – A song from Sesame Street

“This is the Way We Put on our Cape” (Sung to "Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush")

This is the way we put on our cape, put on our cape, put on our cape
This is the way we put on our cape, so early in the morning!
(Act out each movement.....continue adding items of clothing (Shirt, pants, socks, shoes, snow pants, boots, raincoat, etc.)

Activities:

Do the “Hokey Pokey” (NOT naked.)

Make a Puffy Paint Chocolate Chip cookie – Make puffy paint by mixing 1 part glue with 3 parts shaving cream. Add brown paint for color. “Paint” this mixture on a 6-inch paper plate using a plastic spoon, plastic knife, or craft stick. Add black or brown construction paper pieces as chips. ([http://www.notimeforflashcards.com/2009/08/a-recipe-for-cookies.html](http://www.notimeforflashcards.com/2009/08/a-recipe-for-cookies.html))

Make a Construction Paper Chocolate Chip cookie – Cover a paper plate or card stock circle with glue. Stick scraps of brown construction paper (1/2 to 1 inch) on the plate. Add smaller black scraps to serve as chocolate chips. ([http://izziemacandme.blogspot.com/2011/10/if-you-give-mouse-cookie-activities.html](http://izziemacandme.blogspot.com/2011/10/if-you-give-mouse-cookie-activities.html))

Help Bear Get Dressed – Cookie Bear Press has a craft where kids can color and cut out articles of clothing to glue on a bear. ([http://www.cookiebearpress.com/coloringbear.pdf](http://www.cookiebearpress.com/coloringbear.pdf))

Other Resources:

Illustrator Debbie Ohi has all sorts of resources on her webpage. ([http://debbieohi.com/naked](http://debbieohi.com/naked))
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Oh So Brave Dragon
By David Kirk

Related Books:
OH NO, Little Dragon! by Jim Averbeck
The Library Dragon by Carmen Agra Deedy, illustrated by Michael P White
Again! by Emily Gravett
Loveabye Dragon by Barbara Joose, illustrated by Randy Cecil
Have You Seen My Dragon? by Steve Light
The Paperbag Princess by Robert Munsch, Illustrated by Michael Martchenko
Dragons Love Tacos by Adam Rubin, illustrated by Daniel Salmieri
Waking Dragons by Jane Yolen, illustrated by Derek Anderson

Rhymes:
“The Knight and the Dragon”
Five knights in shining armor, fearless and brave
Went dragon hunting deep in a cave
The dragon started breathing fire
The knights’ knees were all aquiver
So one little knight went off to the river!
(Repeat counting down to one knight)

Songs:
“Roar Like a Dragon “
Sung to "Skip to my Lou"
Roar like a dragon, just like so.
Roar like a dragon, just like so.
Roar like a dragon, just like so.
Roar...like...a...dragon.
(Can also add “Curtsy Like a Princess,” “Bow Like a Prince,” “Juggle Like a Jester,”
and “Fly Like a Fairy.”

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“Puff the Magic Dragon”

“Dragon Song”
_Sung to "My Bonnie"
A dragon flew over our house
He landed right next to a tree
We asked him to stay for some dinner
And he ended up eating me.

Chorus:
He ate, he ate, he ate me all up, all up
He ate, he ate, he ate me all up.

It's very dark inside a dragon
I didn't like it at all
I started to tickle his tummy
He laughed from summer to fall.

Chorus

The dragon got tired from laughing
His mouth opened and I ran out
"Don't eat anymore little children," I said.
He said, "Sorry," and started to pout.

Activities:
Fire-Breathing Dragon – Punch a small hole in the bottom of a paper cup. Attach “fire” streamers all around the lip of the cup. Decorate your cup as a dragon head with construction paper, felt, googly eyes, or other crafty goodies. Blow through the hole at the base and watch the dragon breathe flickering fire! See the original idea and pictures at [http://www.sturdyforcommonthings.com/2012/08/dragon-storytime/](http://www.sturdyforcommonthings.com/2012/08/dragon-storytime/)


Cut out traces of your hands on different colors of construction paper to make a body for your dragon. Then add a head and tail. This activity is a great paper craft for young ones.
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Row, Row, Row Your Boat
By Jane Cabrera

Books about Boats:
- Boats by Byron Barton
- Boats by Anne Rockwell
- Row, Row, Row Your Boat by Iza Trapani

Books with a variety of animals:
- Starry Safari by Linda Ashman
- Hickory Dickory Dock by Keith Baker
- The Wheels on the Bus by Jane Cabrera
- The Seals on the Bus by Lenny Hort

Songs:
“Oh, I’m Going for a Ride”
(Tune: “If You’re Happy and You Know It”)
Oh, I’m going for a ride on a boat. (Pretend you are in a boat.)
Oh, I’m going for a ride on a boat.
Oh, I’m going for a ride,
And I want you by my side.
Oh, I’m going for a ride on a boat.

Oh, I’m going for a ride in a car. (Pretend to steer a car.)
Oh, I’m going for a ride in a car.
Oh, I’m going for a ride,
And I want you by my side.
Oh, I’m going for a ride in a car. Vroom, vroom. (or Honk, honk)

Additional verses:
Oh, I’m going for a ride on a train. (Move arms like a train.)
Oh, I’m going for a ride on a plane. (Extend arms like airplane wings.)
Oh, I’m going for a ride on a bike (Pedal your legs)
Oh, I’m going for a ride in a bus (Bump up and down)

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Playground songs in *The Neighborhood Sing-Along* by Nina Crews

“Rowing in the River” from *Everyone Loves to Dance!* by Aaron Nigel Smith

**Activities:**
Make a boat:
DLTK Kids provides a coloring page and a link to a boat craft [http://www.dltk-kids.com/crafts/transportation/m-songs-row-row.htm](http://www.dltk-kids.com/crafts/transportation/m-songs-row-row.htm)

Play Row Your Boat:
Two children (or child and parent) sit on the floor, bottoms of feet touching the other person’s feet. Hold hands and gently pull back and forth as you “row.”

Provide a box or laundry basket for child to sit in and pretend to row.

Jane Cabrera has a website [http://janecabrera.4ormat.com/children-s-books](http://janecabrera.4ormat.com/children-s-books)
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This book just ate my dog!
By Richard Byrne

Books you can really get IN to:
I Dare You Not to Yawn by Helene Boudreau
From Head to Toe by Eric Carle
Wiggle by Doreen Cronin (also Bounce and Stretch)
Cat Secrets by Jef Czekaj
We’ve All Got Bellybuttons! by David Martin
Open Very Carefully: a book with bite by Nicola O’Byrne
The Monster at the End of this Book by Jon Stone
Is Everyone Ready for Fun? by Jan Thomas (also Can You Make a Scary Face?)
Press Here by Herve Tullet

Story/Song:
There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly

Songs:
“Bean Bag Bop” by Babaloo
“Dance, Freeze, Melt” by The Learning Groove (tlgmusic.com)
“Head and Shoulders, Knees and Toes”
“Hokey Pokey”
“If You’re Happy and You Know It”
“We Are Monsters” by The Learning Groove (tlgmusic.com)

Feltboard Activity:
Little Mouse, Little Mouse
see lots of variations located here http://jbrary.com/little-mouse-little-mouse-renditions/

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Activities:
Hungry Puppy - This circle-time game will have your little ones howling with delight as they feed bones to a hungry pup! To make a puppy prop, tape together a shoebox and its lid; then cover the entire box with brown bulletin-board paper or a cut paper bag. Stand the box on one end; then decorate it to resemble a puppy by gluing on construction-paper eyes, ears, and whiskers, and a construction-paper nose. Cut an opening in the box to resemble a mouth; then cut an opening in the back of the box that is large enough to fit your hand through. Cut out at least a class supply of different-colored construction-paper bones.

To play, give one or more bones to each child in the group. Lead students in chanting, “Puppy, puppy want a treat. What kind of bones will he eat?” Designate a color; then direct those children holding bones of that color to “feed” them to the puppy. Continue until each child has fed his bones to the hungry pup. For a variation, program the bones with letters, numerals, or shapes. Woof!

Michelle Crosby—Pre-K, ESE
E. H. Miller School, Palatka, FL

Paper Bag Puppets – make paper bag puppet dogs and construction paper bones, cut a hold in the dogs “mouth” so he can eat the bones.

Hungry Books – have kids draw a picture of whatever they want on a sheet of paper (landscape orientation), then fold the sheet of paper in half with the picture on the outside, put this inside a blank piece of paper also folded in half, so that when they open the “book” it looks like the book is eating their picture. They can then give their book a title, author and illustration on the cover.