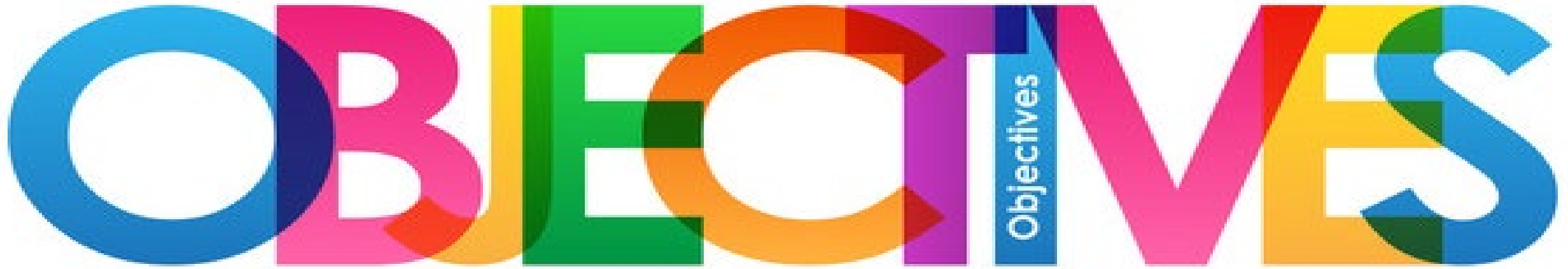


STORYTIME STARTERS

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TODAY'S OBJECTIVES

Discuss expanding theme offerings across age groups

How to organize both time and materials efficiently

Become familiar with new and new(ish) titles that work well for storytimes

Expand our thematic offerings with new ideas or interpretations

Refresh current storytime themes with new titles and activity ideas

EXPANDING OFFERINGS ACROSS AGE GROUPS

- Use one theme per week with every age group
- Overlap as many songs and activities as possible
- Tweak the experience to match the age group
- Document EVERYTHING
 - Note the date of the program and repeat at a later date plugging in new titles as you've become aware of them



Elephants!

Books:

Baby Storytime



Toddler Storytime



Preschool Storytime:



Elementary School Outreach:



Digital Media (for use in toddler and preschool storytime)

- [Pebble Go](#) (digital media) has wonderful elephant content including audio and video clips about Elephants.
- Wild Elephant Giving Birth, trumpeting- great to pair with This is Our Baby, Born Today- <https://youtu.be/MSxw6D6WI4U>

Flannel Board:

- [One Elephant Went out to Play](#) or [Five Elephants in the Bathtub](#) presented by Storytime Katie.

collaborative resource sharing



ADDITIONAL IDEAS

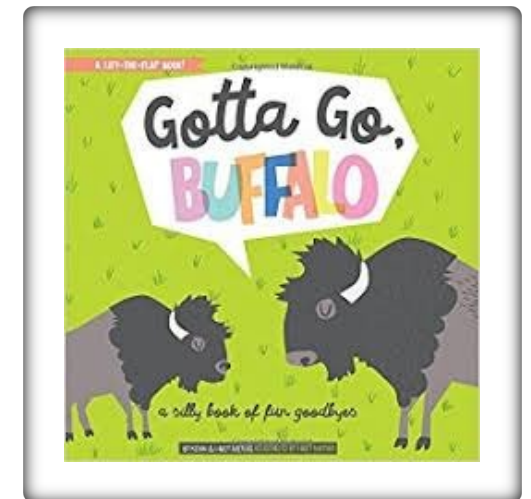
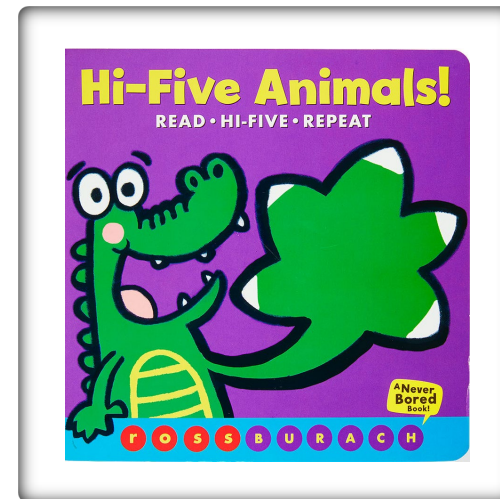
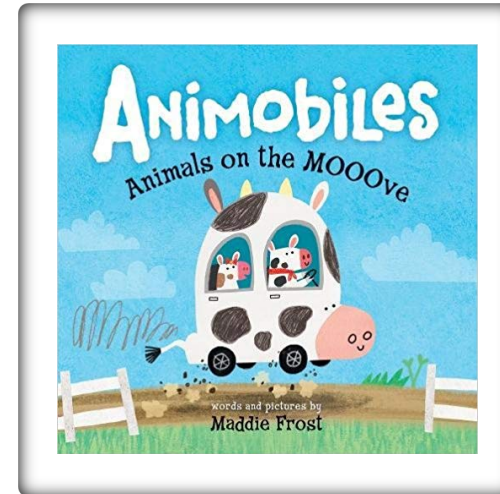
- Route storytime materials around multi-branch systems
- Turn the materials into a themed book bundle after storytime

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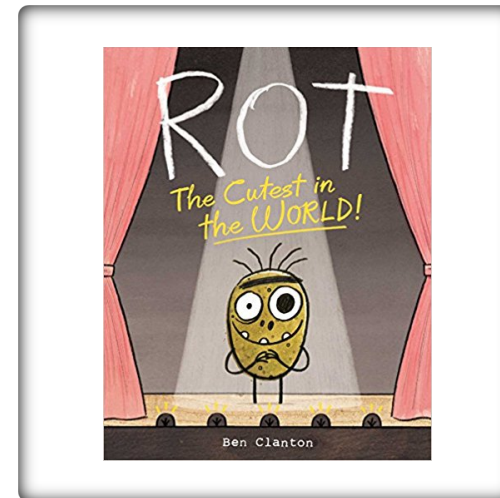
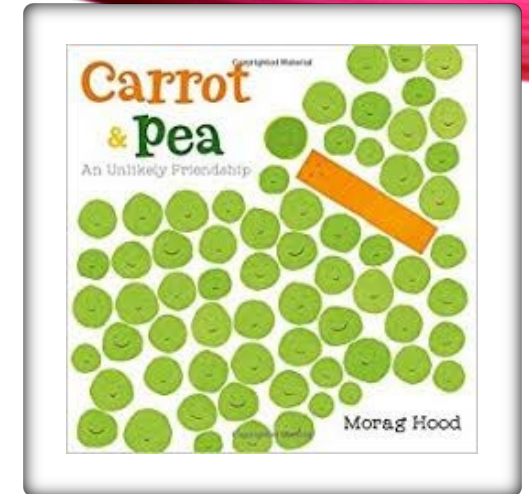
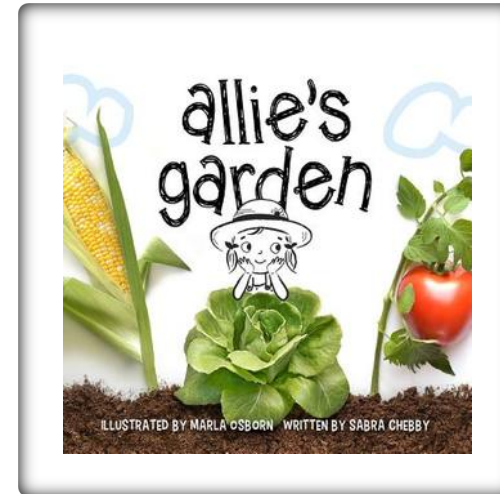
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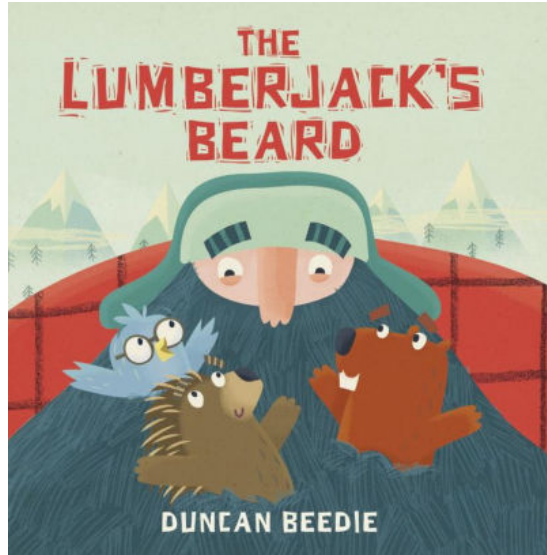
- Expand this theme up and down by pairing it with older favorites like:
 - Say Hello Like This by Mary Murphy
 - Hi Pizza Man, by Virginia Walter
 - Hello, Hello! by Miriam Schlein
 - Say Hello! by Linda Davick
 - Say Hello by Rachel Isadora
 - Hello, Animals! by Smriti Prasadam
- Storytime Katie has a great Hello storytime with ideas for songs and rhymes



DON'T PLAY WITH YOUR FOOD

- Expand this theme up and down by pairing it with older favorites like:
 - Vegetables in Underwear by Jared Chapman
 - Veggies with Wedgies by Todd Doodler
 - Little Pea by Amy Krouse Rosenthal
 - The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
- Activity Idea: Mr./Mrs. Potato Heads made from actual potatoes
- This theme is a natural fit with sensory bin activities that feature dyed rice or macaroni or beans

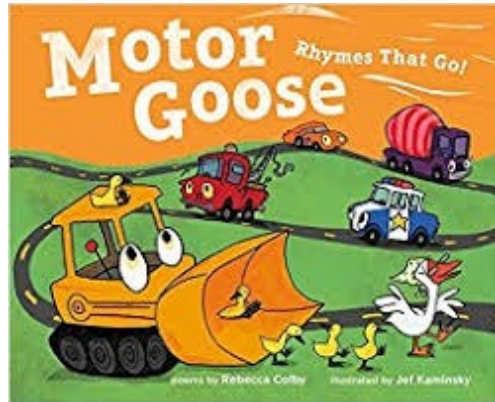




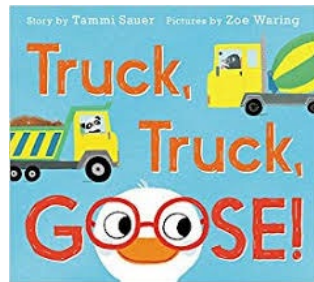
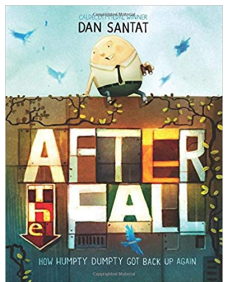
MUSTACHES AND BEARDS

- Expand this theme up and down by pairing it with older favorites like:
 - Mo's Mustache by Ben Clanton
 - Mustache Baby by Bridget Heos
 - Mustache Baby Meets His Match by Bridget Heos
 - Moosetache by Margie Palatini
 - Mustache by Mac Barnett
 - The Book O Beards by Donald Lemke
 - The Runaway Beard by David Schiller
- Digital Activity: Toca Hair Salon
- Activity: Polaroid Station with mustaches on sticks

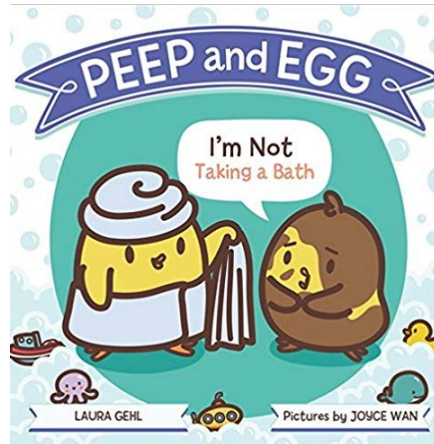
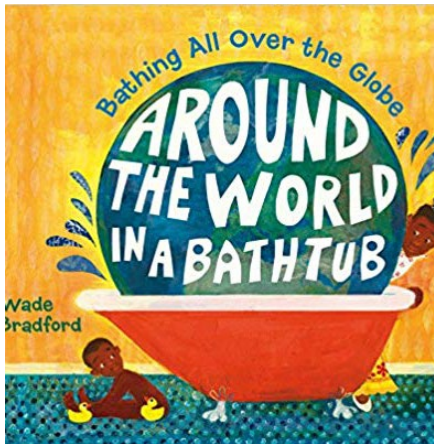
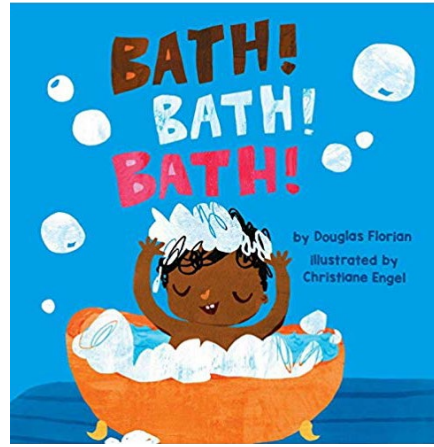
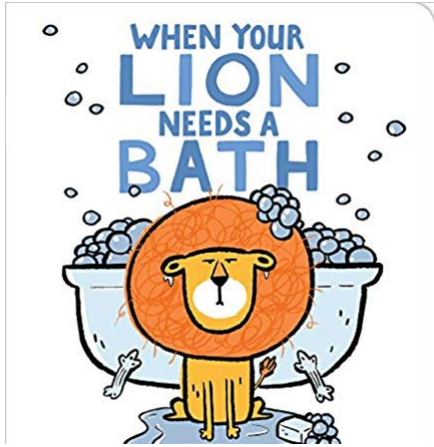
MOTHER GOOSE NEVER GOES OUT OF STYLE



- Expand this theme up and down by pairing it with older favorites like:
 - Mother Bruce by Ryan Higgins
 - The Great Nursery Rhyme Disaster by David Conway
 - If the Shoe Fits by Allison Jackson
 - Hickory Dickory Dock by Keith Baker
 - Mary Had a Little Lamb by Sarah Josepha Hale
 - Ten In the Bed by Jane Cabrera



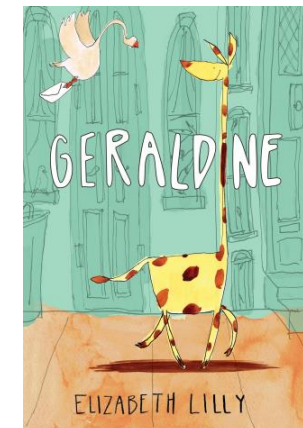
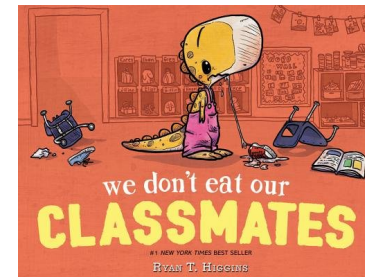
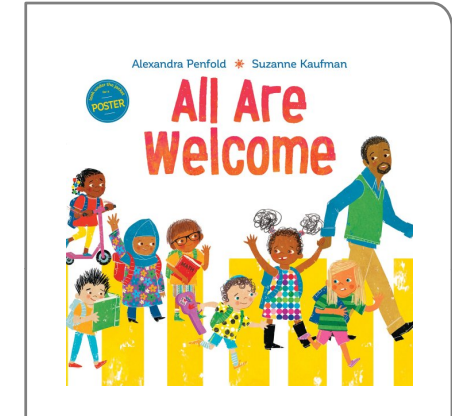
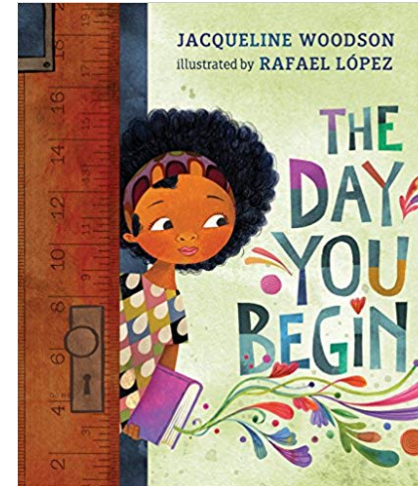
BATHTUB FUN



- Expand this theme up and down by pairing it with older favorites like:
 - Squeaky Clean by Simon Puttock
 - Big Red Tub by Julia Jarman
 - Get Out of My Bath! By Nosy Crow
 - Bubble Bath Pirates by Jarrett Krosoczka
 - Boo Boo by Olivier Dunrea
 - Bears in the Bath by Shirley Parenteau
 - 10 Pigs: And Epic Bath Adventure by Derek Anderson
- Activity Ideas: Bubble Machine and/or paint with bubbles

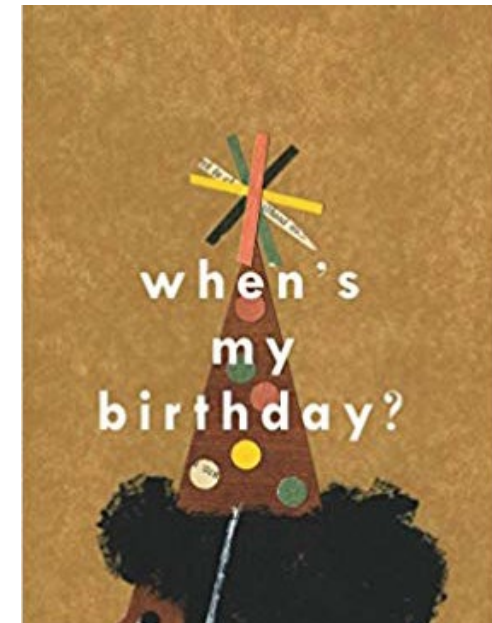
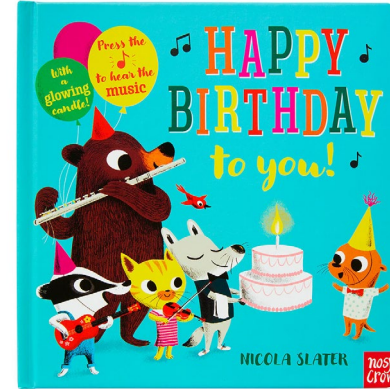
SCHOOL DAYS

- Expand this theme up and down by pairing it with older favorites like:
 - Schools First Day of School by Adam Rex
 - Wow! School! by Robert Neubecker
 - Foxy by Emma Dodd
 - Mouse's First Day of School by Lauren Thompson
 - Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus by Mo Willems
- Activity Idea: Design/Decorate Paper Backpacks



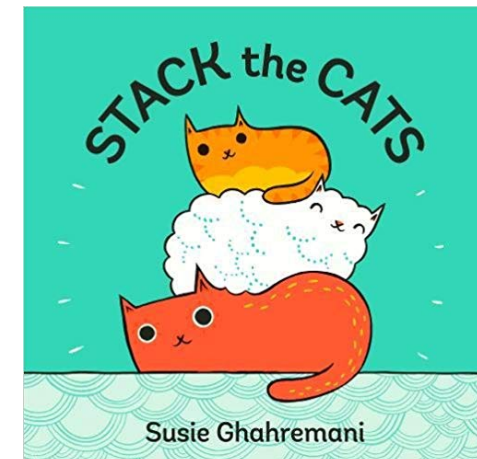
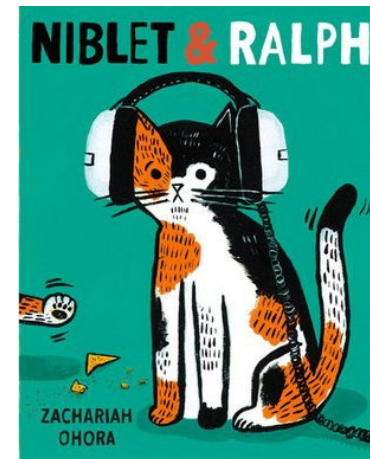
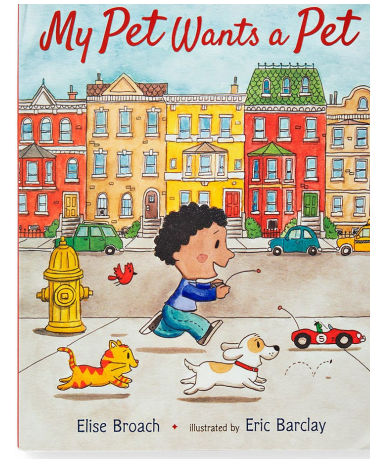
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Expand this theme up and down by pairing it with older favorites like:
 - Hooray for Hat by Brian Won
 - A Birthday for Cow by Jan Thomas
 - The Birthday Box by Leslie Patricelli
- Activity Idea: Decorate your own cupcake



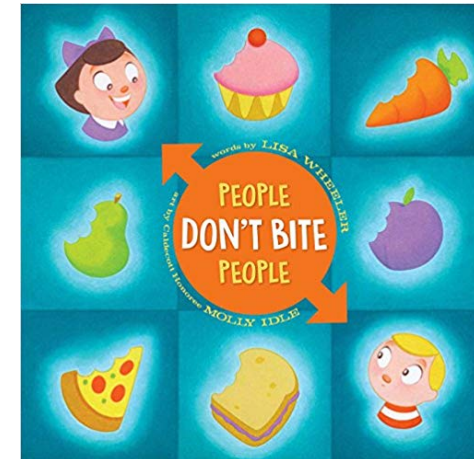
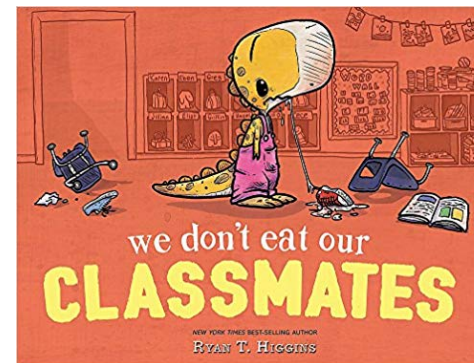
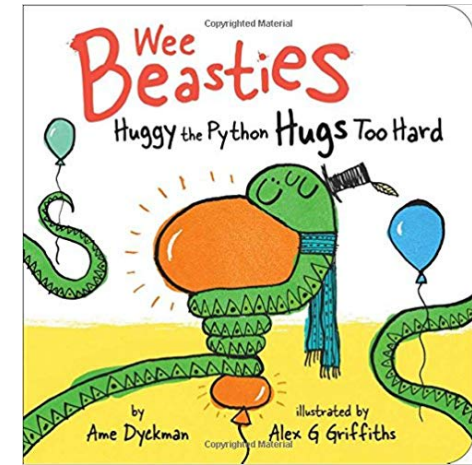
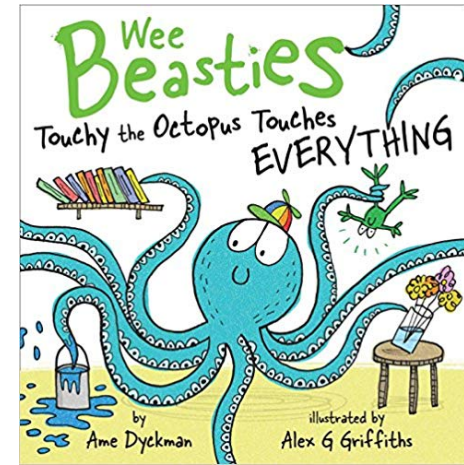
THOSE CRAZY CATS

- Expand this theme up and down by pairing it with older favorites like:
 - Kittens First Full Moon by Kevin Henkes
 - Pete the Cat (any of them but I love my white shoes is my favorite)
 - What Will Fat Cat Sit On by Jan Thomas
 - *They All Saw a Cat* by Brendan Wenzel



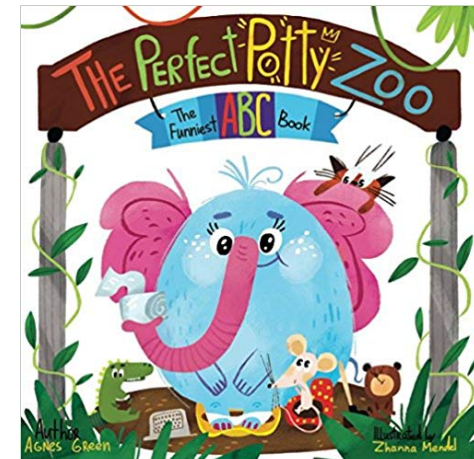
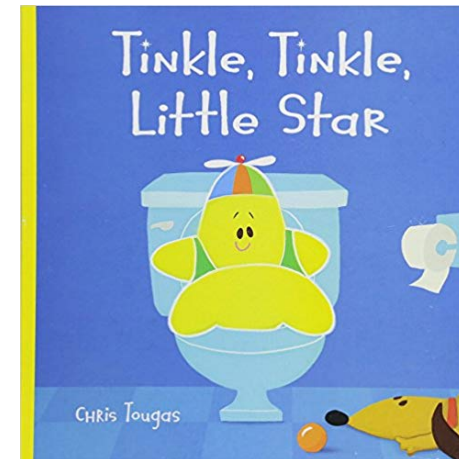
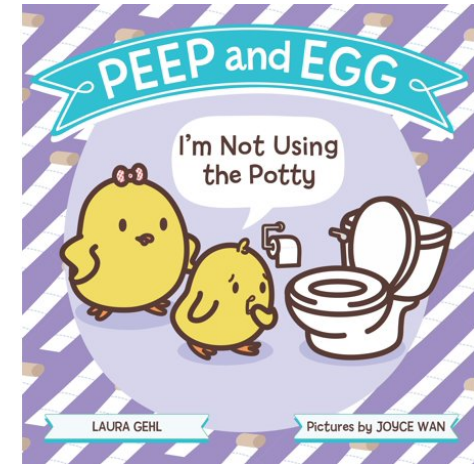
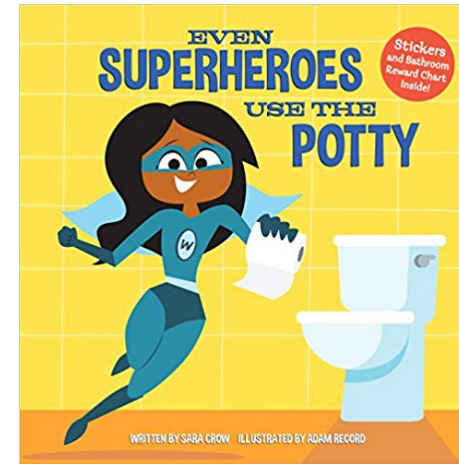
WE DON'T EAT OUR FRIENDS

- Expand this theme up and down by pairing it with older favorites like:
 - Teeth Are Not For Biting by Elizabeth Verdeck
 - Little Dinos Don't Bite by Michael Dahl
 - No Biting by Karen Katz
 - No Biting, Louise by Margie Palatini
 - No More Biting for Billy Goat by Bernadette Ford



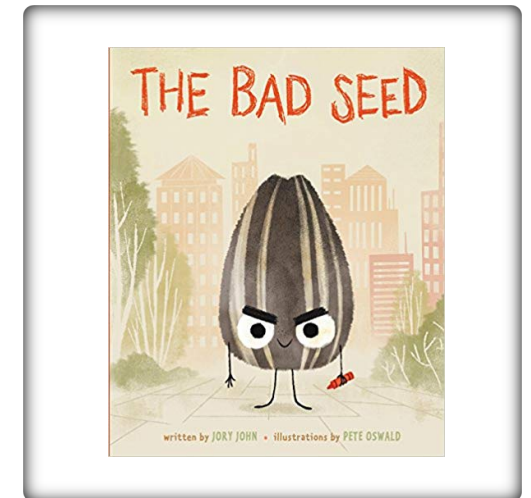
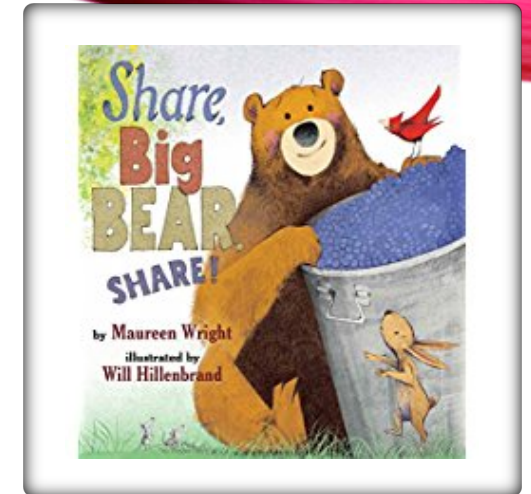
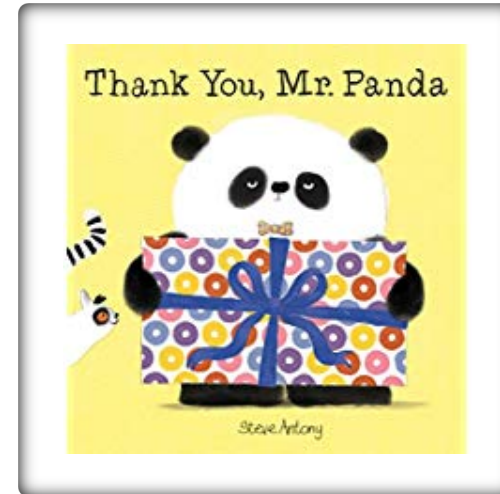
WHO'S READY TO POTTY?

- Even Superheroes Use the Potty by Sara Crow
- Peep and Egg: I'm Not Using the Potty by Laura Gehl
- Tinkle, Tinkle Little Star by Chris Tougas
- The Perfect Potty Zoo by Agnes Green



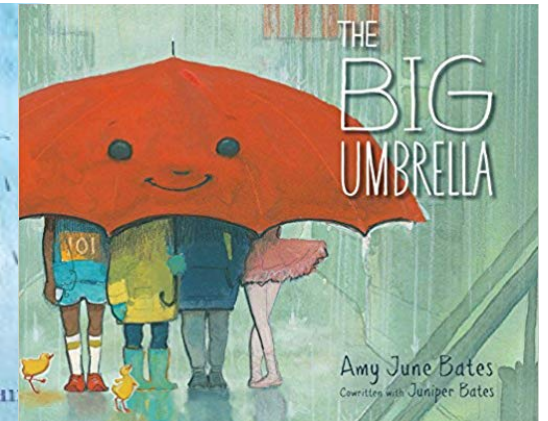
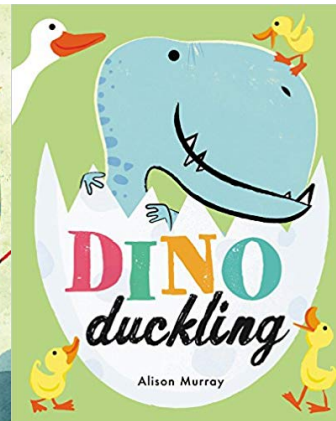
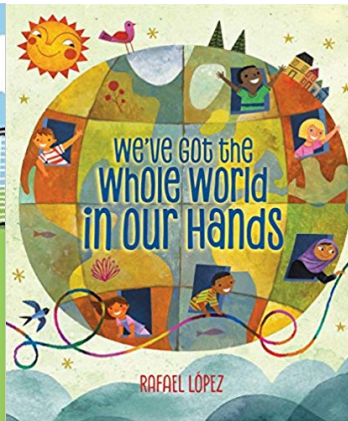
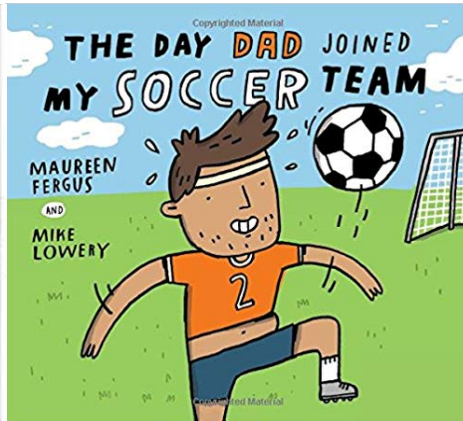
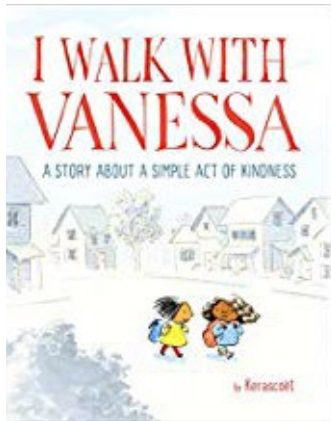
PLEASE AND THANK YOU

- Expand this theme up and down by pairing it with older favorites like:
 - How Kind by Mary Murphy
 - The Thankful Book by Todd Parr
 - Rude Cakes by Rowboat Watkins
 - Please Mr. Panda by Steve Antony



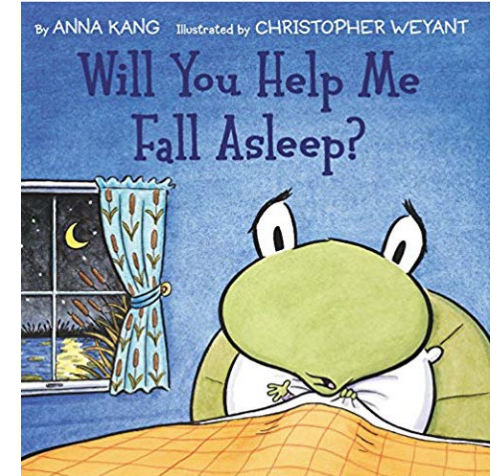
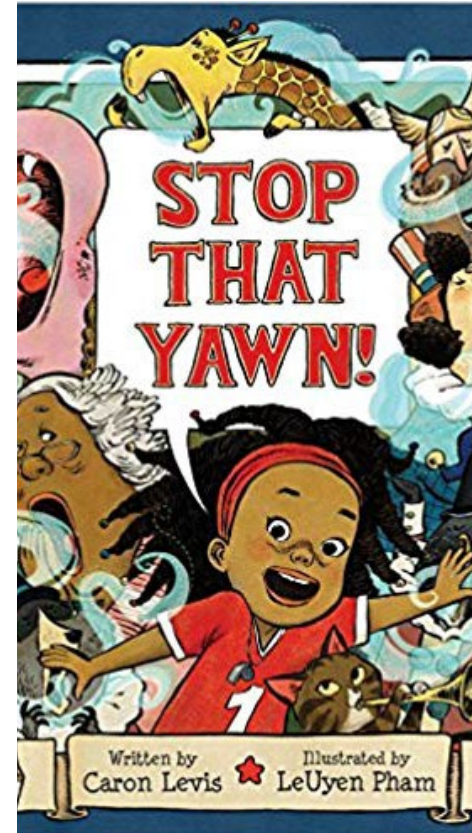
KINDNESS

- Expand this theme up and down by pairing it with older favorites like:
 - Smallest Girl in the Smallest Grade
 - Each Kindness by Jacqueline Woodson



BEDTIME STORIES

- Expand this theme up and down by pairing it with older favorites like:
 - Goodnight Gorilla by Peggy Rathman
 - The Sleepy Little Alphabet by Judy Sierra
 - Dinosaur Vs. Bedtime by Bob Shea
 - Ten In the Bed by Jane Cabrera
- Activity Idea:
 - Wearing Pajamas, Bringing pillows and stuffed animals



QUESTIONS

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