Informational Books for Storytime  
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Storybook and Informational Book Pairings with Suggested Hands-on Activities


Activities: Since we enjoy using shaker eggs during songs at storytime, make some shaker eggs they can take home! Buy plastic eggs and fill with either colored sand or uncooked rice. Use colored duct tape to keep them closed. [www.mamasmiles.com/fancy-shaker-eggs-version-two/](http://www.mamasmiles.com/fancy-shaker-eggs-version-two/).


Activities: Make and play with these Cup and Ball Owls made out of a paper cup and ping pong ball: [www.activityvillage.co.uk/cup-and-ball-owl](http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/cup-and-ball-owl).


Activities: Make a simple bird feeder for winter. I use pinecones, which we “paint” with diluted clear Karo syrup, and then roll in birdseed. Do not use peanut butter. Here is a website with instructions for ten different bird feeders that are easy for young children to make: [http://frogsandsnailsandpuppydogtail.com/10-bird-feeders-kids-love-to-make/](http://frogsandsnailsandpuppydogtail.com/10-bird-feeders-kids-love-to-make/).


Activities: Obviously, planting seeds is something that preschoolers can do. Zinnia seeds are a good choice since they sprout relatively easily. Try [http://teaching2and3yearolds.com/how-to-plant-seeds-with-kids/](http://teaching2and3yearolds.com/how-to-plant-seeds-with-kids/) or these Grass Seed Cups: [www.dltk-holidays.com/spring/m-grass-seed-cup.htm](http://www.dltk-holidays.com/spring/m-grass-seed-cup.htm). You can also make seed mosaics: [www.firstpalette.com/Craft_themes/Food/Seed_Mosaic/Seed_Mosaic.html](http://www.firstpalette.com/Craft_themes/Food/Seed_Mosaic/Seed_Mosaic.html).


Activities: One way to involve very young children in learning bout the water cycle is to allow them to scoop water using various plastic cups and bowls. Then, make these cool “Water Cycle in a Bag” crafts: [www.playdoughtoplato.com/water-cycle-bag](http://www.playdoughtoplato.com/water-cycle-bag).

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**Activities:** Make these Bird Mobiles: [www.dltk-kids.com/animals/mbirdmobile.htm](http://www.dltk-kids.com/animals/mbirdmobile.htm). Or try these paper birdhouses: [www.dltk-holidays.com/spring/mbirdhouse.htm](http://www.dltk-holidays.com/spring/mbirdhouse.htm).


**Activities:** Make these frog paper bag puppets: [www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/frog.shtml](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/frog.shtml).

Bailey, Ella. *One Day on Our Blue Planet...in the Antarctic.* Flying Eye, 2016.

**Activities:** Make these simple paper plate penguins: [http://ourpotluckfamily.com/paper-plate-penguin/](http://ourpotluckfamily.com/paper-plate-penguin/).


**Activities:** Let children play a five senses guessing game. Have them smell cotton balls that have different food scents on them, from lemon juice to onions! Have them touch various things inside paper bag, and see if they can identify a soft cloth, sandpaper, a pine cone, and a variety of other things. For a craft, make playdough, and let each child pick the color and scent to add to their dough: [http://theimaginationtree.com/2012/01/recipe-for-white-play-dough.html](http://theimaginationtree.com/2012/01/recipe-for-white-play-dough.html).


**Activities:** Make these elephant masks using paper plates: [www.activityvillage.co.uk/elephant-mask](http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/elephant-mask).

**Sources**


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