

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

Henkes, Kevin. *Egg*. Greenwillow, Jan. 2017.

Arnold, Caroline. *Hatching Chicks in Room Six*. Charlesbridge, Jan. 2017.

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/.

Cousins, Lucy. *Hooray for Birds!* Candlewick, Feb. 2017.

VanDerwater, Amy Ludwig. *Every Day Birds*. Illus. by Dylan Metrano. Orchard, 2016.

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 .

Empson, Jo. *Little Home Bird*. Child's Play, 2016.

Brown, Margaret Wise. *North, South, East, West*. Illus. by Greg Pizzoli. Harper, Jan. 2017.

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/> .

Matheson, Christie. *Plant the Tiny Seed*. Greenwillow, Jan. 2017.

Ward, Jennifer. *What Will Grow?* Illus. by Susie Ghahremani. Bloomsbury, Feb. 2017.

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/> or these Grass Seed Cups: 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 .

Paul, Miranda. *Water Is Water: A Book About the Water Cycle*. Illus. by Jason Chin. Roaring Brook, 2015.

Smith, Michael. *It Starts With a Raindrop/Comienza con una gota de lluvia*. Illus. by Angela Alvarenga and Jonathan E. Goley. East West Discovery, Jan. 2017.

Activities: One way to involve very young children in learning about 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/

Werber, Yael. *Spring for Sophie*. Illus. by Jen Hill. S&S/Paula Wiseman, Feb. 2017.
Rotner, Shelley. *Hello Spring! Holiday House*, Feb. 2017.

Activities: Make these Bird Mobiles: www.dltk-kids.com/animals/mbirdmobile.htm . Or try these paper birdhouses: www.dltk-holidays.com/spring/mbirdhouse.htm .

Hurley, Jorey. *Rabbit*. S&S/Paula Wiseman. Feb. 2017.
French, Vivian. *Growing Frogs*. Illus. by Alison Bartlett. Candlewick, 2000.

Activities: Make these frog paper bag puppets: www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/frog.shtml .

Bailey, Ella. *One Day on Our Blue Planet...in the Antarctic*. Flying Eye, 2016.
Bishop, Nic. *Penguin Day*. Scholastic, Feb. 2017.

Activities: Make these simple paper plate penguins: <http://ourpotluckfamily.com/paper-plate-penguin/> .

Isadora, Rachel. *I Hear a Pickle (and Smell, See, Touch, and Taste It, Too!)*. Nancy Paulsen, 2016.
Brocket, Jane. *Cold, Crunchy, Colorful: Using Our Senses*. Millbrook, 2014.

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> .

Bajaj, Varsha. *This Is Our Baby, Born Today*. Illus. by Eliza Wheeler. Nancy Paulsen, 2016.
Markle, Sandra. *Thirsty, Thirsty Elephants*. Illus. by Fabricio VandenBroeck. Charlesbridge, April 2017.

Activities: Make these elephant masks using paper plates: www.activityvillage.co.uk/elephant-mask.

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