



Itty Bitty Book Club

Presenters:

Bridget Welch: Clinton County R-3

Media Specialist/Innovation Teacher

bridget.welch@ccr3.k12.mo.us

Twitter Handle: @EllisLibrarian

Gretchen Brashear: Kingston 42 School District

Special Education/Parents as Teachers

gretchen.brashear@kingston42.com

Background:

When we first started Itty Bitty Book Club we were working in a small district that didn't have local access to a public library for families. Families would have to drive to get to a library, and we knew it how important it was to get books into the hands of our youth. This was when we decided to work together to form Itty Bitty Book Club.

Ideas:

Music: Invite local musicians to come and play music, ask the elementary music teacher to help, High School Band come over and play.

Gross Motor Skills: Work with the elementary PE teacher and have them create gross motor skill activities, invite yoga teachers, or local fitness professionals to come in and teach a mini class.

Holiday Themes: Halloween Party, Christmas themed activities,

MeSSy Fun: Large art projects, throwing paint at a sheet, SenSory boxeS, Science incorporation, Bubble wrap painting

Transportation: Have a School buS come and visit or another large vehicle, paint with cars, SenSory bin for cars

Colors: Painting, color mixing, a wide variety of books to read

Spring: Hungry Caterpillar Sequencing, planting seeds, decorating flower pots, Symmetrical butterfly painting

NurSery Rhymes/Folk Tales: Read NurSery Rhymes, act out a story, meaSuring

Pete the Cat: color games, learning how to play board games, Sorting, graphing

Movement: painting with moving activities, going on a hunt,

Books that go along with the ideas:

- Very Hungry Caterpillar By: Eric Carle (Spring)
- Ain't Gonna Paint No More By: Karen Beaumont (Colors)
- The Great Monster Hunt By: Norbert Landa (Fall/Halloween)
- The Golden Egg Book By: Margaret Wise Brown (Easter/Spring)
- Hip and Hop Don't Stop By: Jef Czekaj (Music, This was a really fun book!)
- Bear Stays Up for Christmas By: Karma Wilson (Christmas)
- From Head to Toe By: Eric Carle (movement)
- Going on a Bear Hunt By: Michael Rosen (movement)
- Silly Sally By: Audrey Wood (Gross Motor Skills)
- Pete the Cat I Love My White Shoes and My Four Groovy Buttons By Eric Litwin (Pete the Cat)

- The Mitten By: Jan Brett (Nursery Rhymes/Folktales)
- The Pigeon Needs a Bath By: Mo Willems (Messy Fun)
- Good Night Moon By: Margaret Wise Brown (Messy Fun)
- Sneezzy the Snowman By: Maureen Wright (Winter/Christmas)