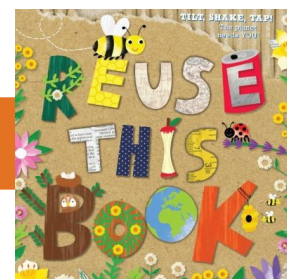
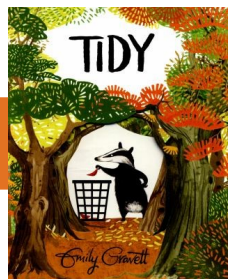
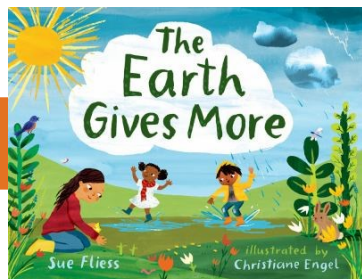


TAKE-HOME FUN!

Early Literacy Tips, Activities & More



tales' tip

It is more important to have frequent, short, positive experiences **READING** with your child than it is to meet a time requirement or finish a book. Two to three minutes at a time is fine, and every positive experience with books helps build a love of reading!

-adapted from *Early Storytimes @ your library*

activity

The Boone County Extension Office gives away seeds for Earth Day.

Plant a seed with your child—either in a container in your home or outside in the ground—and watch your plant grow through the spring and summer!

You can also try sprouting beans in a paper towel to see all the parts of the new plant!

READ

[Are We There, Yeti?](#)

By Ashlyn Anstee

[We Are Earthlings](#)

by Rachel Qiuqi

[Water Is Water](#)

by Miranda Paul

[The Digger and the Flower](#)

by Joseph Kuefler

[The World and Everything In It](#)

by Kevin Henkes

PLAY

Encourage creativity and critical thinking in your child's play by providing a variety of safe, everyday items like cardboard boxes, fabric, and sticks to play with. See what kind of stories they can build!

TALK

Talking with your child about the books you read helps their brain make connections between their world and things in the books. It also helps you learn about their preferences, which helps create those positive experiences with reading, and with you!

SING

Here's a Green Leaf

Here's a green leaf
(show hand)
And here's a green leaf,
(show other hand)
That you see, makes two.
Here is a bud
(cup hands together)
That makes a flower;
Watch it bloom for you!
(open cupped hands gradually)

Be A Seed

Be a seed, small and round
(make a fist)
Sprout, sprout, sprout up from
the ground (open fingers)
Shake your leaves for all to see
(shake hands and body)
Stretch your arms up,
you're a tree! (raise arms high)

digital fun

[Sesame Street: Murray Visits a Recycling Center](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-OijMPvly-U>

WRITE

Using recycled or natural materials as art supplies or paintbrushes fosters children's creativity. Using the muscles and coordination needed for coloring, painting, gluing, and cutting gets them ready to write! See what you can create!