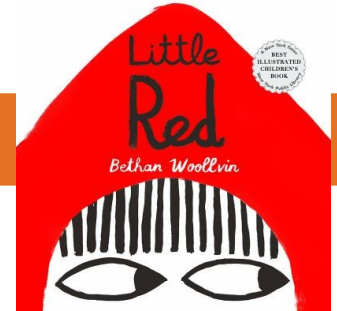
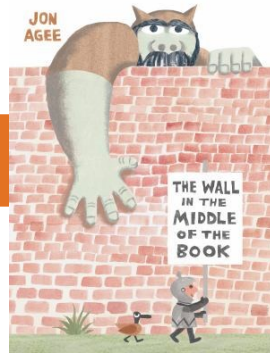


TAKE-HOME FUN!

Early Literacy Tips, Activities & More



tales' tip

WRITING starts with scribbling, so encourage your children to draw. Learning how to read requires many different skills, and writing is an important one!

Storytimes for Everyone! book

READ

[Would You Rather be a Princess or a Dragon?;](#)

Barney Saltzberg

[La Princesa and the Pea;](#)

Susan Middleton Elya

[Redlocks and the Three Bears;](#)

Claudia Rueda

[The Twelve Dancing Princesses;](#)

Rachel Isadora

PLAY

Make a castle out of blocks. Take turns being the knight defending the castle or dragon who's come to knock it down. When your child pretends to be different characters, they have the experience of "walking in someone else's shoes," which helps teach the important moral development skill of empathy.

SING

Curtsy Like a Princess

(Tune: Skip to My Lou)

Curtsy like a princess, just like so.
Curtsy like a princess, just like so.
Curtsy like a princess, just like so.
Curtsy like a princess!

(Bow like a prince, juggle like a jester,
fly like a fairy, roar like a dragon)

We Are Dragons

(Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star)

We are dragons, we have wings,
(wave like wings)
We can fly and do dragon things.
We can breathe fire,
(blow!)
Swish our long tails, (wave arm)
Travel for miles without leaving trails!
Roaring, soaring dragons fly,
("fly" and dance)
And now it's time for dragons to say
goodbye. (wave)

activity

Play dress up with things you have around the house. A blanket could become a cape, a spoon could be a magic wand, a cookie pan could be a shield. Get creative and have fun!

digital fun

Check out these fun fairytale-inspired word games from Super Why!

<https://pbskids.org/superwhy/>

TALK

Help your child put on a play based on a fairytale. Read the story, then act it out together. This process helps your child to make the connection between spoken and written language.

WRITE

Draw a picture of a unicorn. It doesn't have to be perfect! Drawing and even scribbling strengthens muscles and improves the fine motor skills necessary for writing.