

SPINACH IN THE BROWNIES: STORYTIMES THAT SUPPORT EARLY LITERACY ONTARIO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION SUPERCONFERENCE 2013

Distinctive Print

Activities: Reading, Writing, Talking

Piggies in the Pumpkin Patch (Mary Peterson)

Cat and Mouse (Ian Schoenherr)

Tap Tap Bang Bang (Emma Garcia)

Robot Zombie Frankenstein (Annette Simon)

Large Print

Activities: Reading, Writing

This Is the Farmer (Nancy Tafuri)

Call Me Gorgeous (Giles Milton)



1:1 Word to Picture Ratio

Activities: Reading, Talking, Writing

Orange Pear Apple Bear (Emily Gravett)

Look at the Baby (Kelly Johnson)

WOW! City! (Robert Neubecker)

Uh-oh! (Rachel Isadora)

ABC and Shapes

Activities: Writing

Achoo! Bang! Crash! The Noisy Alphabet (Ross MacDonald)

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom (Bill Martin Jr.)

Peek a Little Boo (Sheree Fitch)

Rock and Roll ABC's (Melissa Duke Mooney)

Color Zoo (Lois Ehlert)

Round Is a Mooncake (Roseanne Thong)

Simple Plots

Activities: Talking, Reading, Playing

Very Hungry Caterpillar (Eric Carle)

Snowballs (Lois Ehlert)

The Odd Egg (Emily Gravett)

Little Owl Lost (Chris Haughton)

Dear Zoo (Rod Campbell)

Duckie's Rainbow (Frances Barry)

Wordless and Nearly-Wordless Books

Activities: Talking, Reading

Chalk (Bill Thomson)

Maybe a Bear Ate It (Robie Harris)

Two Bad Ants (Chris Van Allsburg)

Synonyms

Activities: Talking

Big, Bigger, Biggest (Nancy Coffelt)

Thesaurus Rex (Laya Steinberg)

Slowly, Slowly, Slowly, Said the Sloth (Eric Carle)

Duckie's Rainbow (Frances Barry)

Songs or Nursery Rhymes

Activities: Singing

Big Fat Hen (Keith Baker)

To Market, To Market (Anne Miranda)

One, Two, That's My Shoe! (Alison Murray)

10 Little Fingers and 10 Little Toes (Mem Fox)

She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain (Jonathan Emmett)

The Babies on the Bus (Karen Katz)

The Seals on the Bus (Lenny Mort)

Rhythm and Repetition

Activities: Talking, Singing, Reading

Tanka-Tanka Skunk (Steve Webb)

Please Baby Please (Spike Lee and Tanya Lewis Lee)

Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes (Eric Litwin)

Monkey and Me (Emily Gravett)

I Kissed the Baby (Mary Murphy)

Interactive Books

Activities: Playing, Talking, Reading

Pigeon books (Mo Willems)

Dinosaur VS. books (Bob Shea)

Shout, Shout It Out! (Denise Fleming)

Ten Tiny Tickles (Karen Katz)

Peekaboo Bedtime (Rachel Isadora)

We're Going on a Bear Hunt (Michael Rosen)



Books with Built Words

Activities: Reading, Singing

Spells (Emily Gravett)

Call Me Gorgeous (Giles Milton)

Onomatopoeia or Animal Sounds

Activities: Singing

Tiny Little Fly (Michael Rosen)

Hello Day (Anita Lobel)

Bark, George! (Jules Feiffer)

Everywhere the Cow Says MOO! (Ellen Weinstein)

Books About Baby's Day

Activities: Talking

Peekaboo Morning (Rachel Isadora)

Mommy Kisses (Karen Katz)

The Baby Goes Beep (Rebecca O'Connell)

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JESSICA SEINFELD'S SPINACH BROWNIES

Ingredients:

Nonstick cooking spray
3 ounces semi-sweet or bittersweet chocolate
1/2 cup carrot puree
1/2 cup spinach puree
1/2 cup firmly packed light or dark brown sugar
1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
2 tablespoons trans-fat-free soft tub margarine spread
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
2 large egg whites
3/4 cup oat flour or all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Coat an 8x8-inch baking pan with cooking spray.

Melt the chocolate in a double boiler or over a very low flame. In a large bowl, combine the melted chocolate, vegetable purees, sugar, cocoa powder, margarine, and vanilla, and whisk until smooth and creamy, 1 to 2 minutes. Whisk in egg whites.

Stir in the flour, baking powder, and salt with a wooden spoon. Pour the batter into the pan and bake 35 to 40 minutes. Cool completely in the pan before cutting into 12 bars.

Puree How-to:

For the carrots: Peel, trim the ends, and cut into 3-inch chunks. Steam for 10-12 minutes until very tender. Puree in a food processor or blender for about 2 minutes until smooth, adding a few teaspoons of water, if needed, for a smooth texture.

For the spinach, remove any tough stems. Steam for 30 or 40 seconds, or cook in a skillet with 1 tablespoon water for about 90 seconds until wilted. Puree in a food processor or blender for about 2 minutes until smooth and creamy.

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