A Universe of Stories: Programs for Toddlers and Preschoolers

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SCLS SLP web site

- www.scls.info/ys/slp
- Instructions to access manual
- Workshop handouts
- Program resources
- Resource lists
- Photos
- Dynamic, shared space
Objective of Today’s Webinar:

- Connect with local interests
- Connect with local projects
- Connect with one another!
- Continue discussions
- Integrate SLP planning into year-long programming for preschoolers
A Universe of Stories and Young Children

- It’s fun and inspiring for us, too!
- Be creative with the theme
- Recycle popular programs:
  - Nighttime
  - Space
  - Folktales
  - Science
- Models reflection and exploration of one’s curiosity
A Universe of Stories: Planning

- Include participants in program choices
  - Autonomy is motivating!
  - Vote for a dance party or a pj party
    ■ This is a drop-in activity!
- Include parents in program choices
- Use social media to share successes:
  - Sponsors and partners
  - Boards and administration
  - Community
  - Each other
Online Manual- cslpreads.org
Accessing Manual: www.scls.info/ys/slp
Manuals!!
Clip art... scroll down...
Early literacy clip art
Early Literacy Manual Highlights

- Graphics
  - B&W
  - Full color
  - Posters
  - Calendars
  - Slogans
- Activity sheets
- Entire manual
- Rules of use
The Fine Print: Rules of Use
Rules of Use - Slogans, Artwork

Permitted Use

October 1, 2018 - March 31, 2020

- Create promotional materials for your programs (fliers, posters)
- Create bibliographies, bookmarks, activity sheets
- Use on websites, social media, to promote the program
- Public library use

Prohibited/Restricted Use

Cannot use for other programs

- Cannot alter artwork or slogans (except for resizing)
- Cannot create items that are available from Upstart (i.e., water bottles, T-shirts)
- School libraries are not permitted to use graphics for school programs
Highlights of the 2019 Early Literacy Manual

Early literacy programming support

- Early literacy tips
- Structuring the early literacy summer program
- Inclusion considerations
- Community partners & outreach
- Spanish manual and resources
- YouTube playlist
Five themes for infant, toddler, preschool programs

1. Take Me to Your Reader
2. Shoot for the Moon
3. To the Library and Beyond
4. Trekking Across Our Universe
5. A Sky Full of Stories
**Space for ME**

**Outcome:** Participants will learn new concepts through the familiar sense of self and movement.

**See Also:** *Take Me to Your Reader* themes, 2019 CSLP Early Literacy Manual

**Try it Again:** In January or early in a story time program cycle.
Space for ME: Highlighted Books

- Bears on Chairs
  - Shirley Parenteau, illustrated by David Walker

- If You Were a Dog
  - By Jamie A. Swenson, illustrated by Chris Raschka

- What Do You Wear?
  - Taro Gomi
Tracing Gingerbread Kid Cutters

- Re-tell All of Me or If You’re Happy & You Know It.
- Ask children to color parts of the body
- Decorate with crayons
- Practice making lines, shapes, letters
- Use for displays, registration
Stardust: Stars and Light

Outcome: To introduce young children to the stars in the nighttime sky and to celebrate their inner light.

See Also: *Take Me to Your Reader* themes, 2019 CSLP Early Literacy Manual.

Try it Again: Around the equinoxes, solstices, and other astronomical events.
Stardust: Highlighted Books

1. *Niño* by Yuyi Morales
   - Cover shows a child with a star background.

2. *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star* by Jane Cabrera
   - Cover features an owl with a star.

3. *Windows* by Julia Denos
   - Cover depicts a child walking a dog with houses in the background.
Hey Diddle, Diddle Flannel Props
Celebrations!

Outcome: To introduce young and older participants to the concept of learning through joy and happiness. (Theme is inspired by the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing.)

See Also: Shoot for the Moon themes, Early Literacy Manual.

Try it Again: In November, December, or January or any time you want to encourage children and their parents to celebrate gratitude and joy.
Celebrations!: Highlighted Books

Buster and the Baby
Amy Hest illustrated by Polly Dunbar

Hooray for Birds!
Lucy Cousins

when's my birthday?
Julie Fogliano Christian Robinson
Summer Photo Booth
Universe of Stories

Outcome: To introduce participants to global folklore, stories, and traditions.

See Also: To The Library and Beyond themes, Early Literacy Manual.

Try it Again: In the spring, when the world is waking up from winter.
Universe of Stories: Highlighted Books

- Baby Goes to Market
- The Perfect Siesta
- You Hold Me Up
Whole Body Art

ME AND MY BODY
Nighttime

Outcome: To encourage reflection and connection to self and others.

See Also: *Shoot for the Moon* themes, Early Literacy Manual.

Try it Again: In November and December as the daylight grows shorter.
Nighttime: Highlighted Books

Bulldozer Helps Out
Candace Fleming and Eric Rohmann

Go sleep in your own bed!
Candace Fleming and Lori Nichols

On the night of the Shooting Star
Amy Hest and Jenni Desmond
Five in the Bed Flannelboard
Let’s Pretend

Outcome: To encourage children to use their imagination and explore through imaginative play.

See Also: *Shoot for the Moon* themes, Early Literacy Manual.

Try it Again: Anytime!
Let’s Pretend: Highlighted Books

1. Leave Me Alone! by Vera Brosgol
2. I Want to Be in a Scary Story by Sean Taylor and Jean Jullien
3. I Have a Balloon by Ariel Bernstein and Scott Magoon
Dress-up
Thank you! Let’s have fun!