



Opening the Gift



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Out In the Cornfield

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Corn Aplenty by Dana Meachen Rau
Crash Bang Donkey by Jill Newton
Counting Crows by Kathi Appelt
Scarecrow by Cynthia Rylant
Popcorn by Alex Moran



Nursery Rhyme: Two Little Blackbirds

Songs & Fingerplays to Share



CD: "Fly Away Crow" from *The Best 101 Children's Songs* by Bugs Bower

Out In the Cornfield

Out in the cornfield,
(Point far away)
 The nights are getting cold,
(shiver)
 And the farmer's pumpkins
 Are turning into gold.
(arms out, twirl around slowly)
 He chops down the cornstalks,
(chopping motion)
 They tumble one by one,
(arm extended, falls over)
 So the big, fat pumpkins,
(arms in big circle)
 Can ripen in the sun.
(raise circle overhead)



Raccoon Action Song

(tune: "Kookaburra")

Raccoon sleeps in a hollow tree
 While the sun shines on you and me.
 Sleep, little raccoon,
 Sleep, little raccoon,
 Warm and cozily.

In the darkest part of night
 Raccoon has the best eyesight.
 Look, little raccoon,
 Look, little raccoon,
 My, your eyes are bright.

Raccoon hardly makes a sound
 When he prowls all around.
 Hunt, little raccoon,
 Hunt, little raccoon,
 Find food on the ground.

Five Crows All Shiny Black

(tune: "Five Green & Speckled Frogs")

Five crows all shiny black,
 Sat on a scarecrow's back.
 Eating some most delicious corn...yum, yum!
 Scarecrow winked and shouted "Boo!"
 Scared one crow and away he flew,
 Now there are four black shiny crows,
 Caw, caw!

Repeat until you get to zero
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Scary Scarecrow

(chant OR sing to: "I'm a Little Teapot")
 I'm a scary scarecrow made of straw,
(stand tall and stretch out arms)
 Listening for the crows to caw.
(cup hands to ears)
 I watch the field all day and all night, too,
(hand to brow, searching motion)
 If a crow comes by, I just say "BOO!"
(hands cupped at mouth, shout "boo")

Popcorn Clapping Chant

(clap where the letters are in bold print)

Popcorn, **pop**corn,
 shakin' in the pan.
 Popcorn, **pop**corn,
 Bam! Bam! Bam!



Your next visit will be: December _____
Next month's theme will be: "Shake Your Antlers"



More Books to Share:

Corn by Gail Gibbons

Thankful by Eileen Spinelli

Little Black Crow by Chris Raschka

As the Crow Flies by Sheila Keenan

The Scarecrow's Hat by Ken Brown

The Popcorn Book by Tomie DePaola

Otis and the Scarecrow by Loren Long

Charlie Chick by Nick Denchfield and Ant Parker

All About Food Crops: CORN by Cecelia H. Brannon



Activity Ideas:

Cornmeal Play Dough: (Developing fine-motor skills) If desired, have little ones help with this no-cook play dough! Place in a mixing bowl 2½ cups of flour, one cup of cornmeal, one tablespoon of oil, one cup of water, and a few drops of yellow food coloring. Stir the mixture until combined and then knead the dough thoroughly, adding oil as needed to reach the desired consistency. Place the dough in a center for youngsters to explore.



Parachute Popcorn Popping: Provide each child with a sheet of white paper to crumple into a ball to represent giant popcorn. Space the children evenly around the edge of a parachute (or sheet) that has been spread on the ground. Place the paper popcorn in the center of the parachute. Direct each child to hold the parachute tightly with both hands—lifting slowly at first, then faster to make the paper popcorn “pop”. Have the children continue shaking until all of the popcorn bounces off the parachute and onto the ground. After placing the parachute back on the ground, ask each child to find a piece of the popcorn and to put it back on the parachute. Let the popping begin again! *Mailbox Magazine, Preschool Edition Oct/Nov 1996*

Scarecrow Cones: For this special treat you will need: ice cream cones, vanilla ice cream, toasted coconut or shredded wheat, raisins, and candy corn. Top each ice cream cone with a scoop of vanilla ice cream. Add coconut or shredded wheat for the scarecrow's hair. Add raisins for eyes, candy corn for the nose and a cut raisin for the mouth. <http://stepbystepcc.com/scarecrow.html>



Book of the Month:

The Joy of Movement by Mary Lynn Hafner

this book is On Order at HCPL

The Joy of Movement is a preschool movement activity book with a therapeutic perspective. The combination of old and new games creates a purpose driven physical motor curriculum. Each activity has been kid tested. This well-organized and easy-to-use book includes fun, developmentally appropriate activities that foster physical development and build self-esteem. The activities are built around developmental motor milestones and are flexible enough to encourage skill development for a variety of learners.



Road to Reading Tip:

Early literacy skills begin long before children go to preschool or kindergarten. Make sure your pre-reader gets off to a healthy start and have their vision and hearing checked every year by a health care professional. If you have noticed your child having difficulty with hearing, seeing, or speaking, be sure to discuss your concerns with the doctor, nurse, or other care provider. www.getreadytoread.org/

