



Brevard County Libraries Summer Reading Program 2022

My Blue Planet Storytime Packet

Travel with us and discover some suggested reads, rhymes, fingerplays, and crafts centered around Our Blue Planet, Earth!

All suggested reads can be found in the Brevard County Public Library System and are available to be checked out.

This packet consists of two fully developed storytimes: Babies & Toddlers, and Preschool. Each storytime can be used for any age though and are great for early literacy enrichment and education.

Why storytime?

- Literacy development starts early in life and is highly correlated with school achievement.
- Reading and storytelling with your child promotes brain development and imagination, teaches your child about language and emotions, and strengthens your relationship.
- You don't always need to read books! Try looking at picture books, singing rhymes and songs, or telling stories from your culture.



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Storytime, Tween, and Teen Packets created by Youth Services Librarians

Babies & Toddlers Storytime

Suggested Books:

- "The Earth Book" by Todd Parr
- "Thank You, Earth" by April Pulley Sayre
- "Here Comes Ocean" by Meg Fleming
- "Bear Sees Colors" by Karma Wilson
- "In My World" by Lois Ehlert

Rhyme/Movement: Trash is Blowing All Around

(Sing to the tune of London Bridge)

Trash is blowing all around,
All around, all around,
Trash is blowing all around
All around the town.

Let's get busy and pick it up,
Pick it up, pick it up.
Let's get busy and pick it up,
All around the town.

Get a trash bag and put it in,
Put it in, put it in.
Get a trash bag and put it in,
All around the town.

Song: We've Got the Future in Our Hands

(to the tune of "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands")

We've got the world around us in our hands,
We've got the world around us in our hands,
We've got the world around us in our hands,
It's ours to take care of.

We've got the mountains and the valleys in our hands,
We've got the deserts and the forests in our hands,
We've got the jungles and the plains in our hands,
They're ours to take care of.

We've got the birds and the bees in our hands,
We've got the creatures of the seas in our hands,
We've got the tigers and the bears in our hands,
They're ours to take care of.

We've got the rivers and the oceans in our hands,
We've got the lakes and the streams in our hands,
We've got the swamps and the marshes in our hands,
They're ours to take care of.

We've got the future in our hands,
We've got the future in our hands,
We've got the future in our hands,
It's ours to take care of.

Fingerplay: Five Bottles of Pop on the Wall

Sing to the tune of 99 bottles

Five bottles of pop on the wall, *(hold up five fingers)*
Five bottles of pop,
Put one in the recycling bin, *(fold one finger down)*
Four more bottles of pop on the wall *(hold up four fingers)*

Four bottles of pop on the wall, *(hold up four fingers)*
Four bottles of pop,
Put one in the recycling bin, *(fold one finger down)*
Three more bottles of pop on the wall *(hold up three fingers)*

Three bottles of pop on the wall, *(hold up three fingers)*
Three bottles of pop,
Put one in the recycling bin, *(fold one finger down)*
Two more bottles of pop on the wall *(hold up two fingers)*

Two bottles of pop on the wall, *(hold up two fingers)*
Two bottles of pop,
Put one in the recycling bin, *(fold one finger down)*
One more bottle of pop on the wall *(hold up one finger)*

One bottles of pop on the wall, *(hold up one finger)*
One bottles of pop,
Put one in the recycling bin, *(fold one finger down)*
Zero bottles of pop on the wall!

Preschool Storytime

Suggested Books:

“The Earth Gives More” by Sue Fliess

“My Friend Earth” by Patricia MacLachlan

“Life” by Cynthia Rylant

“I Love Our Earth” by Bill Martin

“Here We Are” by Oliver Jeffers

Rhyme/Movement: Give Thanks

Give thanks to the Earth (*form a circle with hands*)

Give thanks to the Sun (*raise arms in circle shape above head*)

Give thanks to the plants in the garden (*wiggle fingers up, as if coming up out of the ground*)

Where the Earth and the Sun are one. (*link index fingers*)

Song: E-A-R-T-H

(*to the tune of "B-I-N-G-O"*)

There is a planet we call home

And Earth is its name.

E-A-R-T-H

E-A-R-T-H

E-A-R-T-H

And Earth is its name.

We must all work to care for her,

To keep her safe and clean

C-L-E-A-N

C-L-E-A-N

C-L-E-A-N

This planet we call home.

Fingerplay: Ten Peas

Sing to the tune of Three Little Fishies

Ten peas in a pea pod pressed. (*hold both fists together in front of chest*)

One grew. (*hold up one finger*)

Two grew. (*hold up two fingers*)

So did the rest. (*hold up all ten fingers*)

They grew and grew and did not stop. (*turn hands so that palms face forward, then raise them above head*)

Until one day the pod went Pop! (*clap hands once above head*)

Home Activity

Coffee Filter Earth

Home Supplies:

- Coffee Filters
- Washable Markers
- Glue Sticks
- Metal Baking Sheet Pan
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Water Spray Bottle
- Printable Backdrop

Instructions:

1. Flatten round coffee filters, and draw your Earth with the ocean and continents.
2. Place the colored coffee filters on a metal baking sheet pan and then mist with a water spray bottle.
3. Watch the magic as the colors blend and the Earth comes to life! Set aside to dry.



