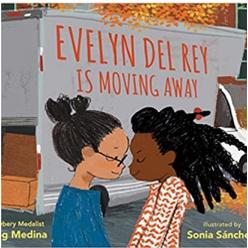




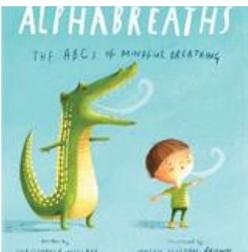
Books we shared today:



Here and Now
by
Julia Denos



Evelyn Del Rey is Moving Away
by
Meg Medina



Alphabreaths: The ABCs of Mindful Breathing
by
Christopher Willard

Reading Readiness Tips:

Observation skills are important elements of literacy. Students need to be able to observe and identify the small differences in the forms which make up the letters of the alphabet. When they begin to read, they'll use these observation skills to identify letter differences in similar words.

Mindfulness is a skill that will continue to benefit your students, especially in school. Mindfulness can improve the executive function of your students' brains, leading to improved memory and lower stress levels.

Incorporating these 2 practices into your routine will help children be more prepared to read and succeed!

www.carnegielibrary.org Resource Spotlight:



- **Pittsburgh Reads 5!:** Our Summer Reading program starts June 13th. Go to www.carnegielibrary.org/summer for more info. You can use the Beanstack app to log the books read by your students and have fun reading this summer!

See You Later Alligator

See you later alligator,
In a while crocodile,
Give a hug ladybug
Blow a kiss jellyfish

Hasta mañana (Till tomorrow), Green Iguana,
Toodle-oo, kangaroo,
Bye bye, butterfly,
Gotta go, buffalo.

See You later alligator, that's all for now,
Gotta Go!

Pennsylvania Core Standards— English Language Arts

Foundations Skills: CC.1.1.PK.A, B, C, D

Reading Informational Text: CC.1.2.PK.A, B, C, E, F, G, I, J, K, L

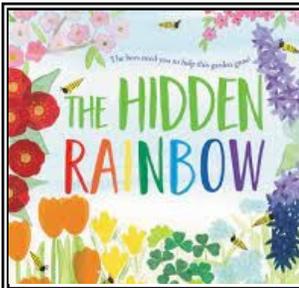
Reading Literature: CC.1.3.PK.A, B, C, F, G, H, I, J, K

Writing: CC.1.4.PK.M, O, P

Speaking & Listening: CC.1.5.PK.A, B, C, D, E, G

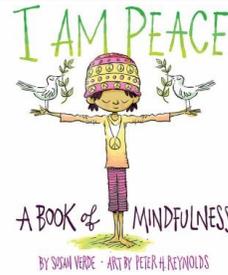
Lesson Extensions

Related Readings



The Hidden Rainbow
by Christie Matheson

An interactive book filled with colors as well as floral vocabulary.



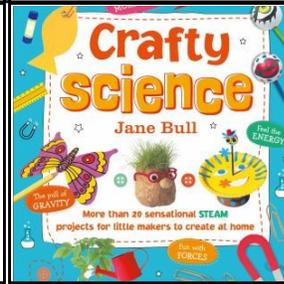
I Am Peace
By Susan Verde

Peter Reynolds provides the illustrations for this meditative picture book.



Goodbye, Friend! Hello, Friend!
by Cori Doerrfeld

Change leaves the possibility for new beginnings, several of which are presented in this book.



Crafty Science
by Jane Bull

Looking for some inspiration? Try this STEAM project book filled with activities geared towards little ones.

Additional Activities

Art Nature Crowns

- Contact paper
- Scissors
- Found items from a nature walk

Take your students on a short nature hike, even around the block can be fruitful. Ask them to find nature items on the smaller side, and give them a limit, such as 10 items. Back at your center, have students work in small groups to make their crowns. Cut contact paper into strips that are 8 inches tall and 22 inches long, fold in half with the peel off paper on the inside. Peel off half of the sticky contact paper, and have students press their nature finds on the sticky side. Unpeel the rest of the paper and press together. Cut the long side into points and tape the ends together in a loop.



Literacy

Alphabet Fishing

- Plastic tub or pool
- Uppercase or lowercase magnetic letters
- Magnetic wand or stick with a (non-choking hazard) magnet attached
- Sidewalk chalk

Place a full set or a selection of letters in the tub/pool. If you are outside, you could add water for an added sensory element. Use the sidewalk chalk to write the selection of letters you are using in their opposite upper or lower case. Students can take turns “fishing” for letters from the tub and matching the upper and lower case magnetic letters to the sidewalk chalk letters.



STEAM

Walking Rainbows

- Paper towels (6)
 - Clear Jars
 - Red, yellow, blue food coloring
 - Water
1. Fill all 6 jars halfway with water.
 2. Add red, yellow and blue food coloring to three separate jars.
 3. Arrange the jars in a circle so there is a jar of dyed water with a jar of clear water in between.
 4. Fold the paper towels so they are in long strips, then fold in half.
 5. Place each end of the paper towel in a jar, and watch what happens! Observe throughout the day to see the rainbow appear.

